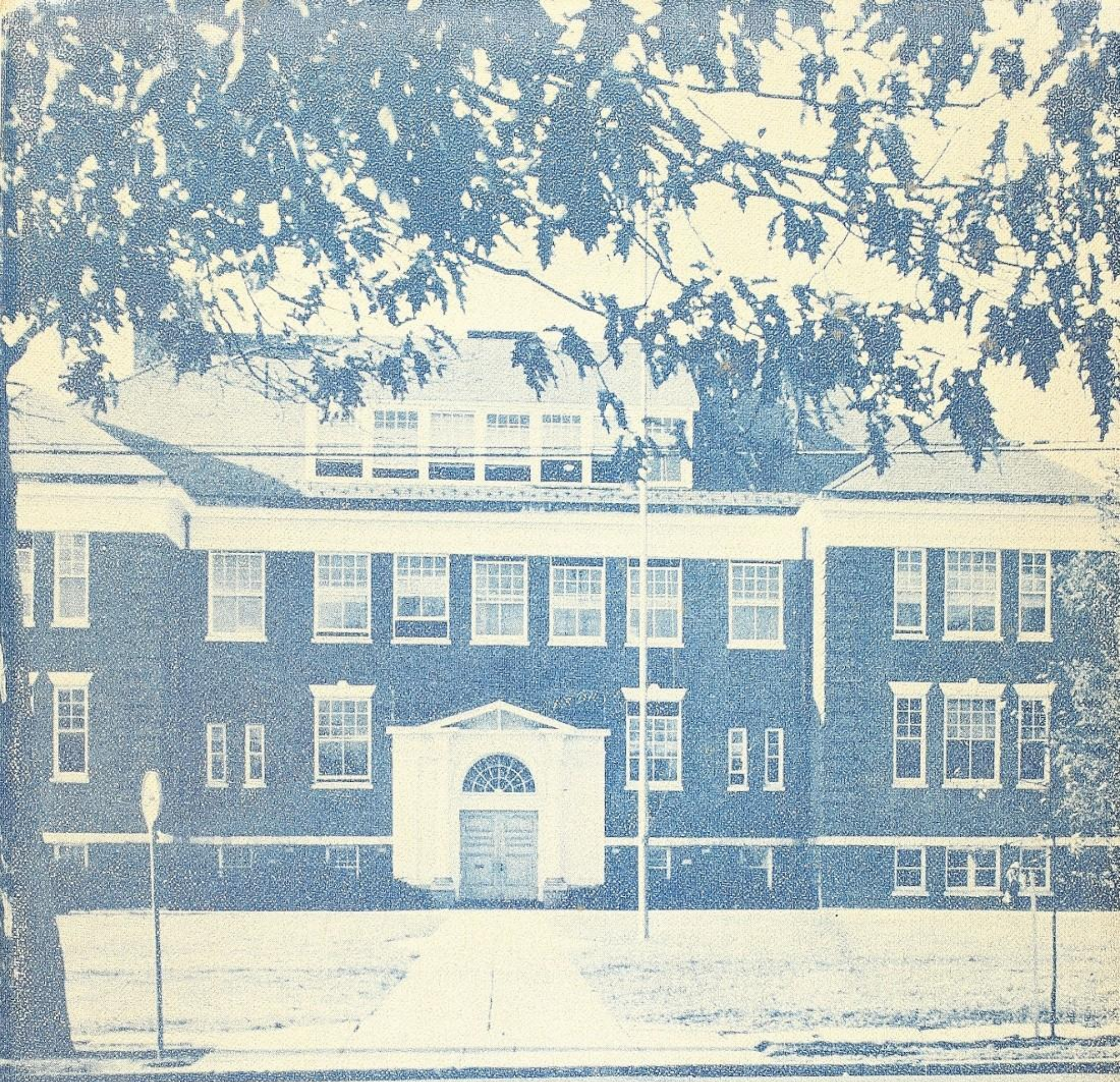

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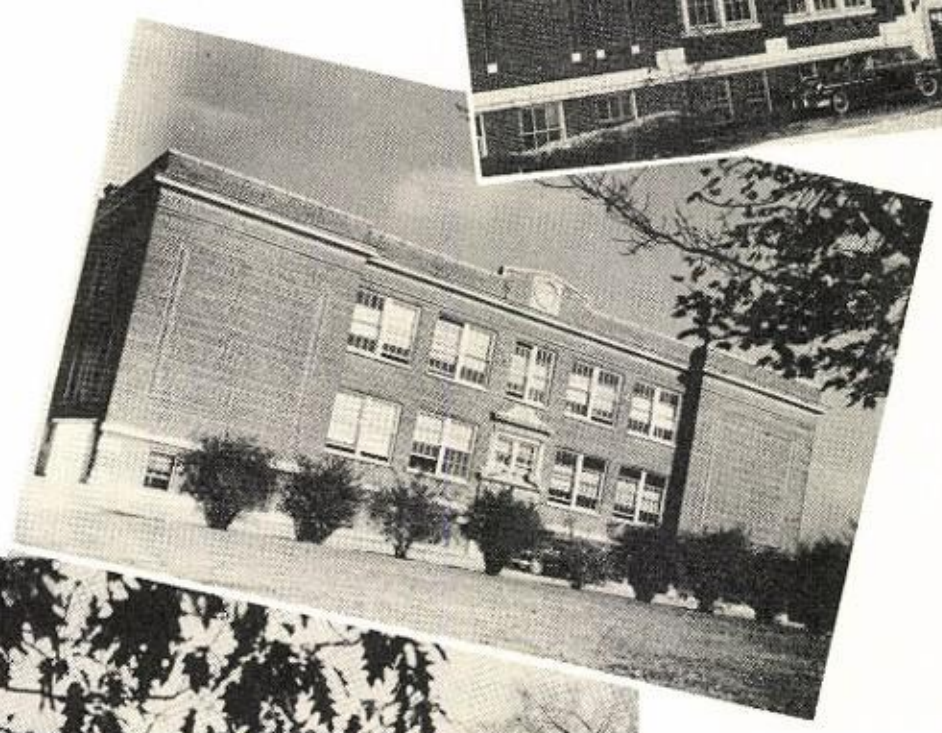

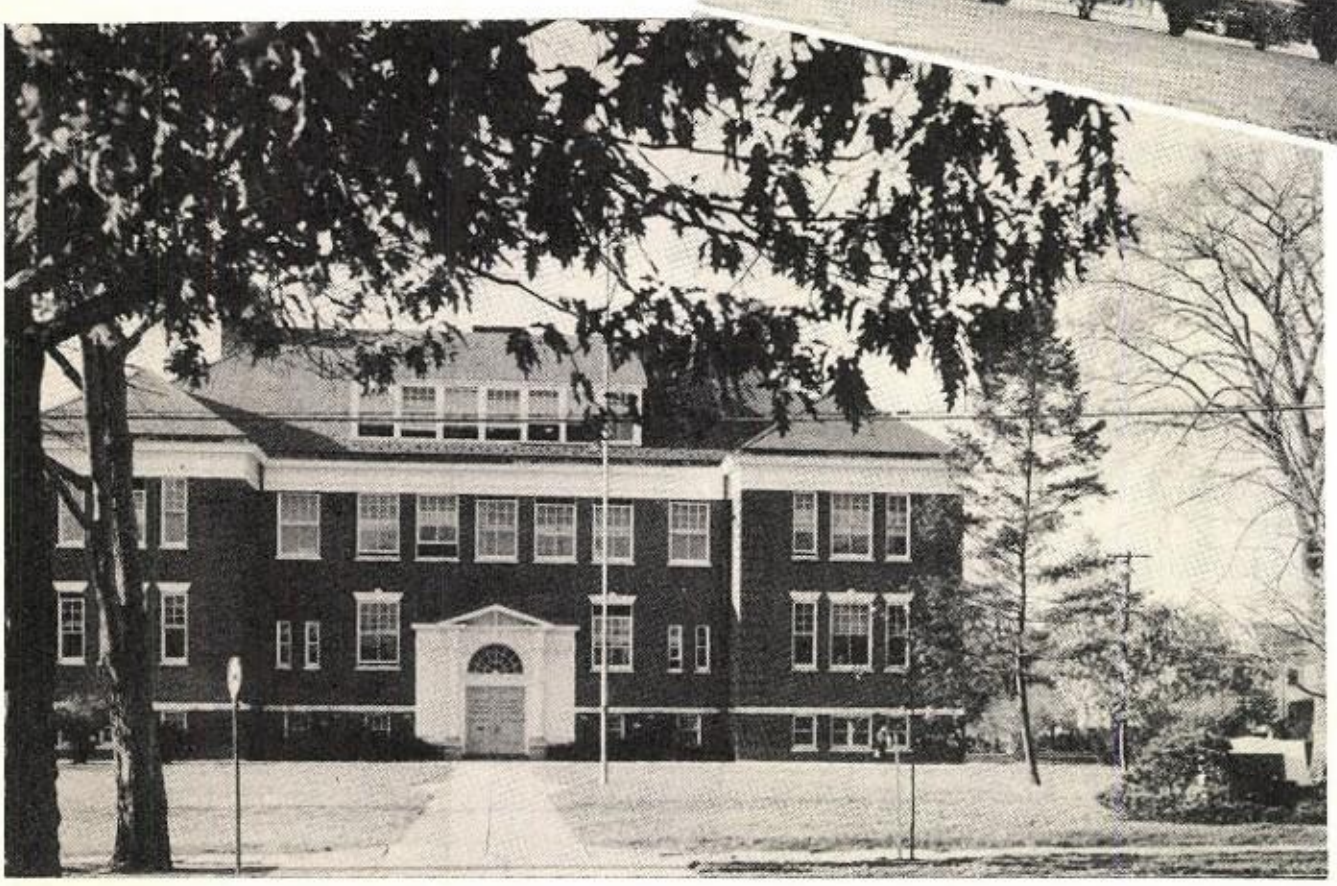

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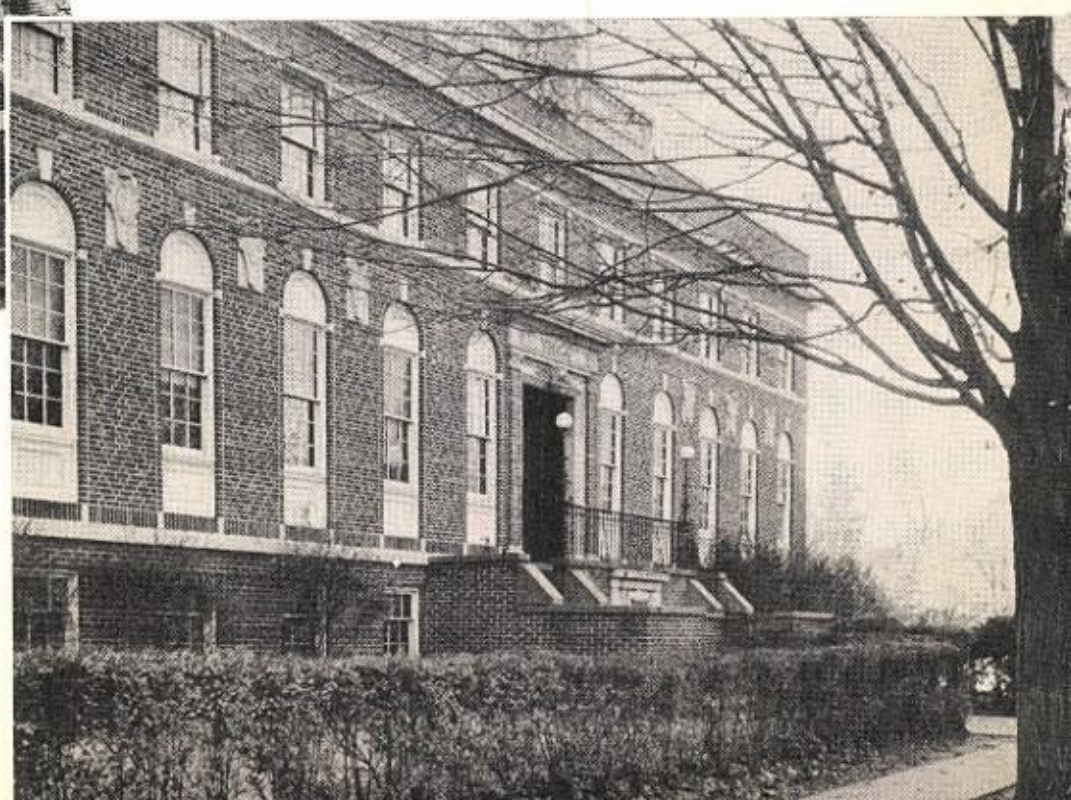
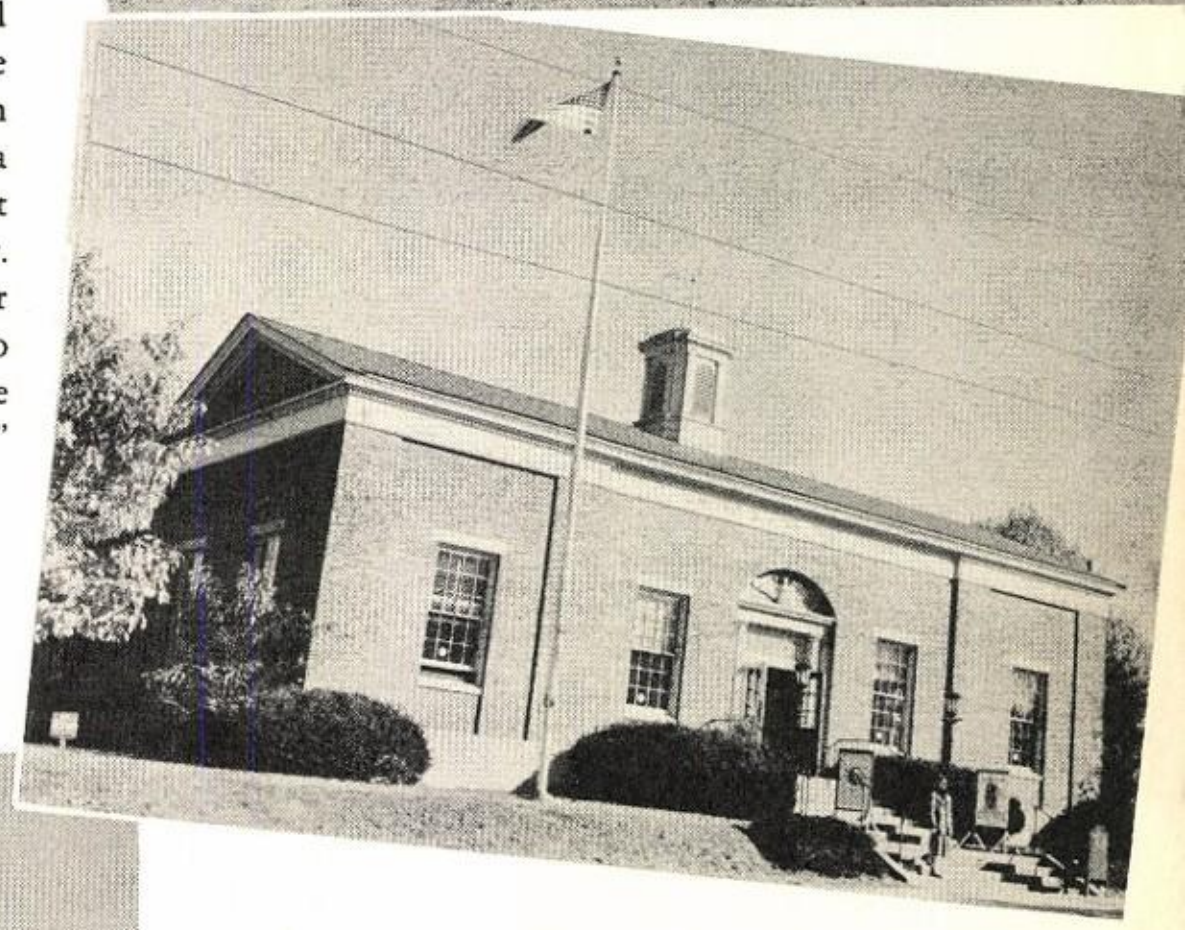
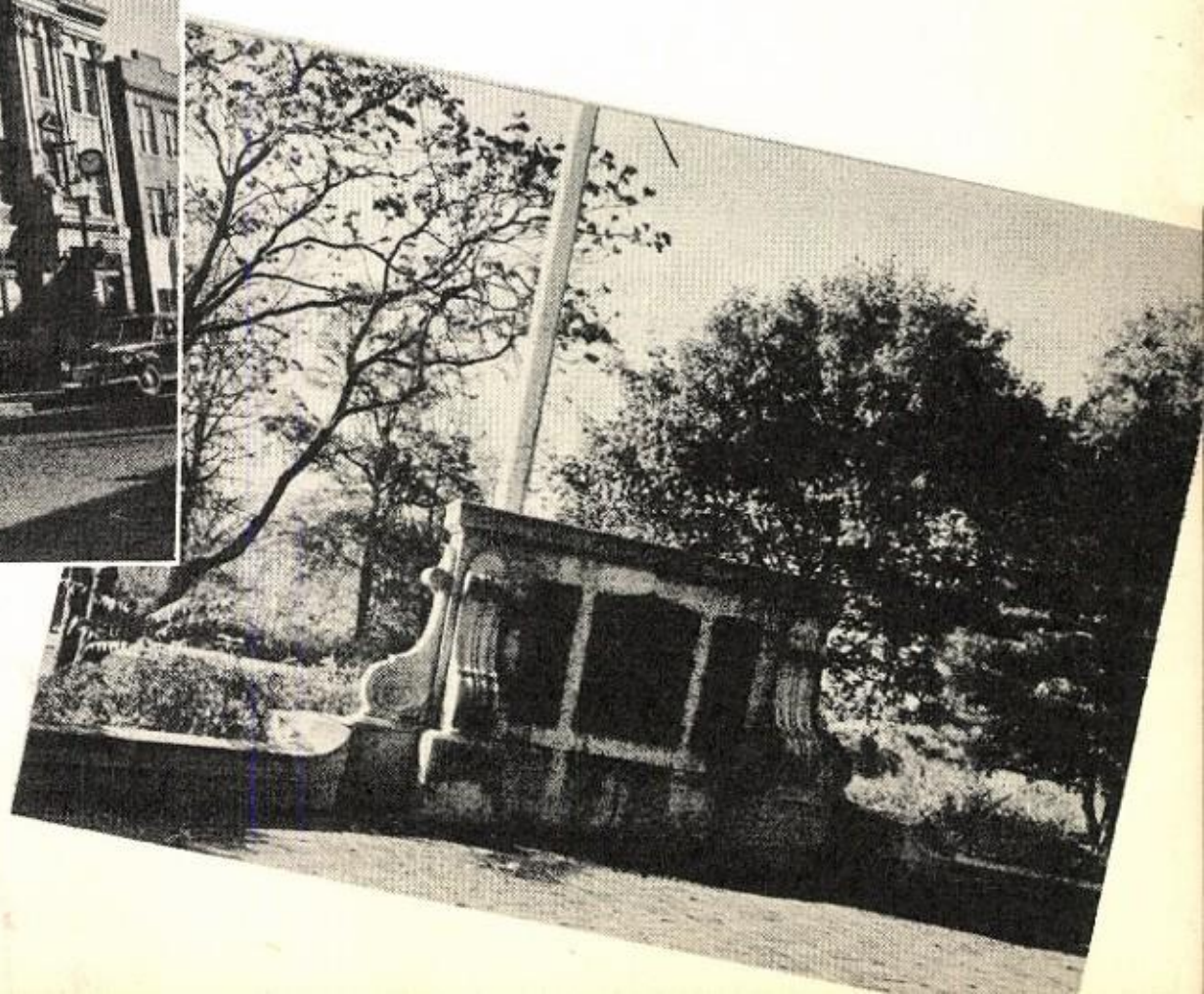
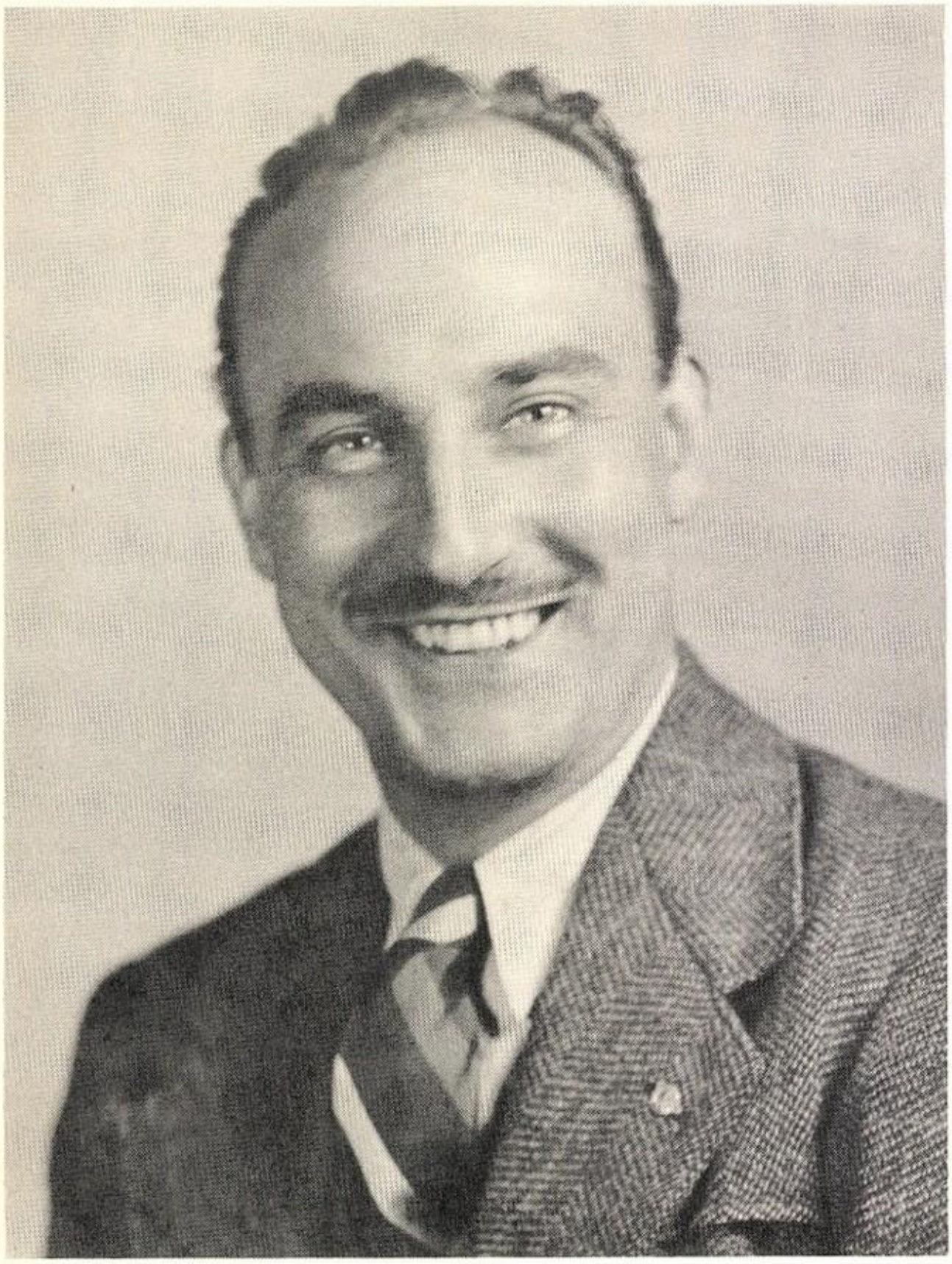


Foreword

As we reach the mid-point of our century, we reflect upon and are conscious of the confused world about us. As our confused world seeks to reach out and gain peace, so we, in our community, strive for the good fellowship with which we will do our part toward the promoting of peace throughout the world. This community has been the focal point of our lives; we remember it as a small, unpretentious town, and we have seen it grow into the thriving municipality it is today. Because we, of the class of 1950 are proud of our community and because it has meant so much to us in the past and will probably mean even more in the future, we have chosen "Our Community" as the theme of our yearbook.







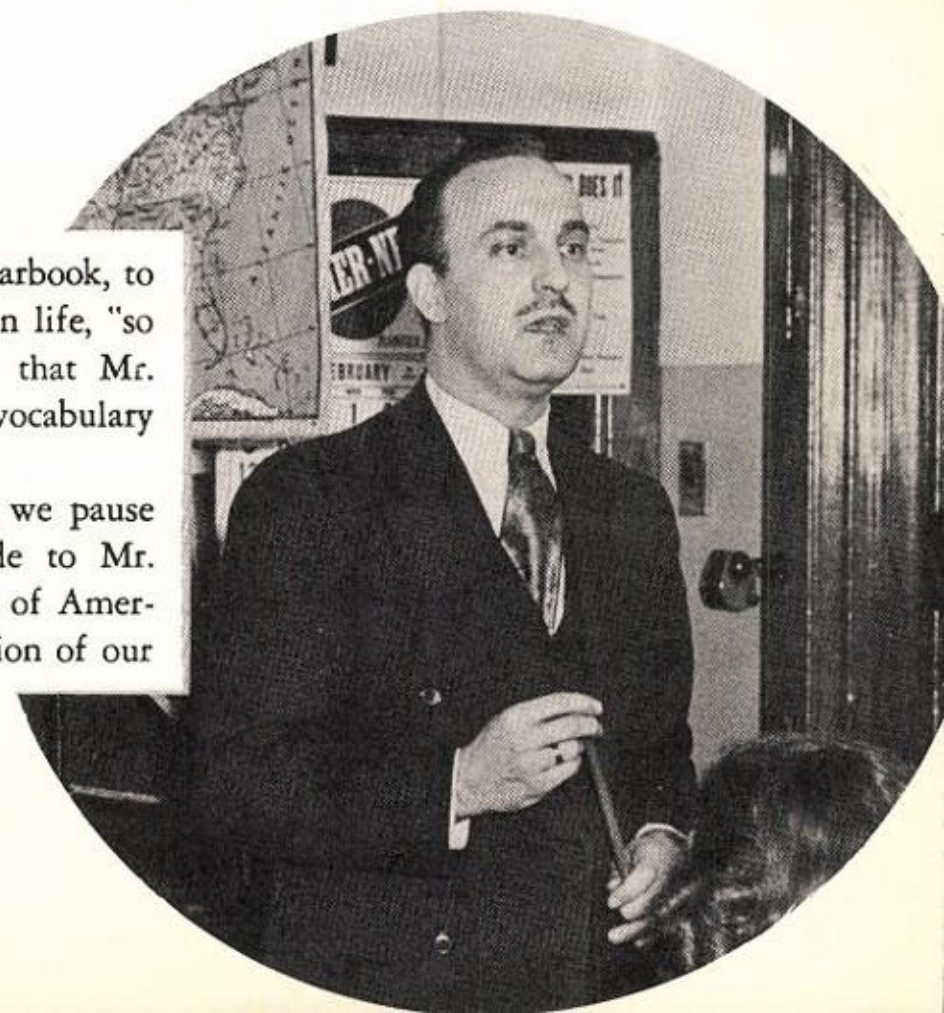
MR. P. W.

SCHMIDTCHEN

In Dedication to

This year we take great pleasure in dedicating our yearbook, to a teacher who has brightened and enlightened our outlook on life, "so what!" We are not trying to be facetious when we say that Mr. Schmidtchen's "unique" teaching techniques and extensive vocabulary have made him a great favorite of our class.

Now, as we are about to leave these hallowed halls, we pause a moment in front of Room 25, to express our gratitude to Mr. Schmidtchen for giving us not only the time-honored details of American history, but also a truly human insight into the foundation of our country.



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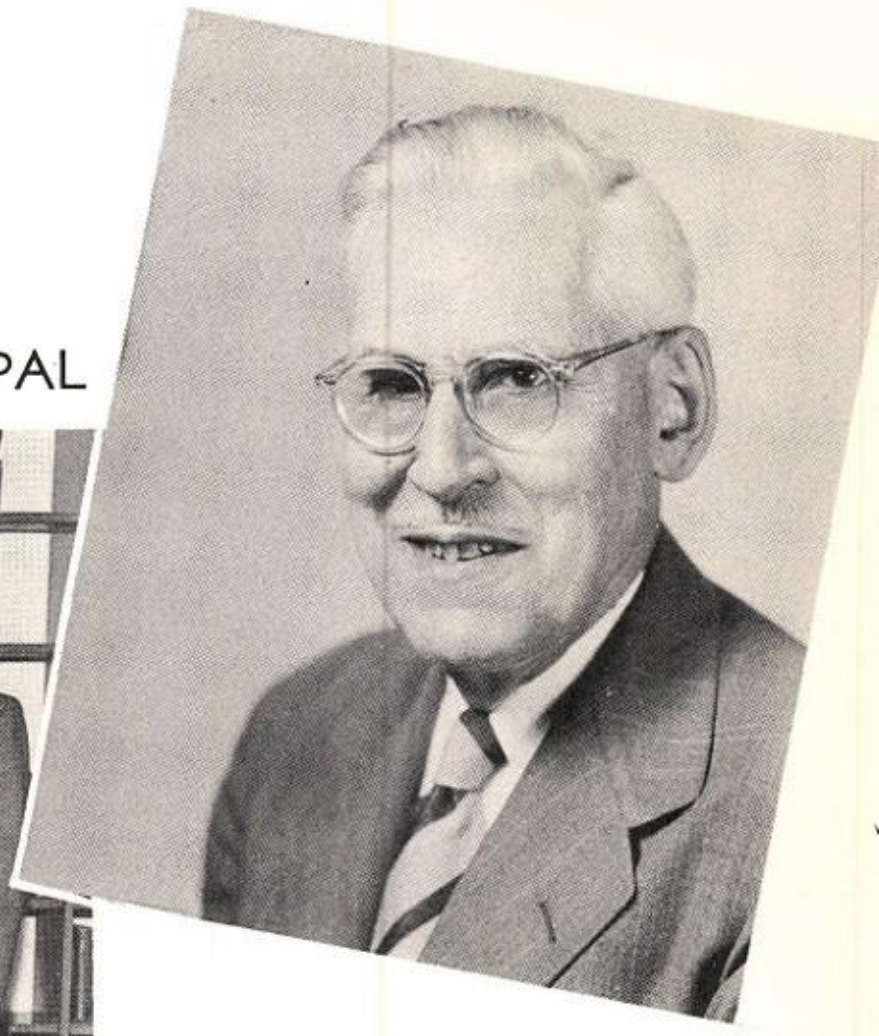
good management

Well Planned Policies Come from the Board



ELMO E. SPOERL
SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

WILLIAM E. BRAGNER
PRINCIPAL

Our Board of Education, our Supervising Principal, and our Principal working together through the last year have displayed an outstanding example of true community spirit. The school building program has been an important issue during the last year. Because of our expanding community, it has been the prime endeavor of the Administration to achieve a spirit of co-operation and active interest between the community and the school system. The coming years will be crucial ones for our administration, but with the backing of the community they will succeed as they have in the past.

Execution of the Plans Take Consideration

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OUR CLASSES

unite as one to prepare

for a greater future

For the First Eight Years We Were Together

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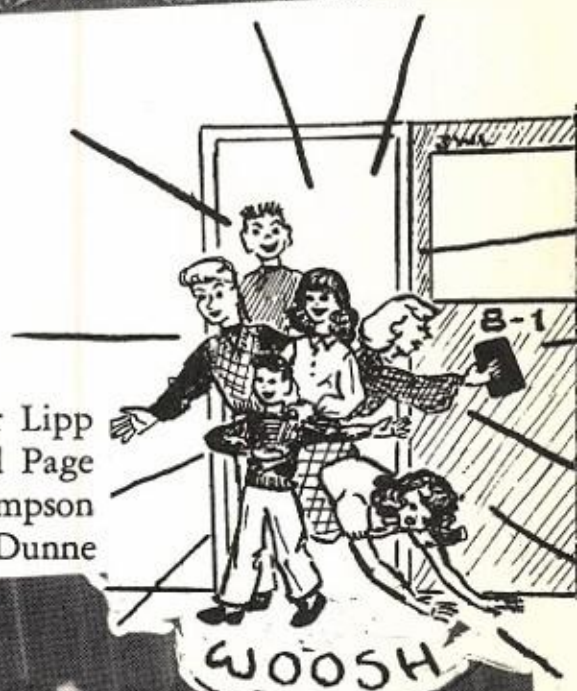

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Then We Welcomed New Friends

Dear Carl,
Lots of luck & happiness in future years.
Barbara Seifert
Dear Carl,
Best wishes and success in the years to come.
Shirley
Dear Carl,
Lots of luck in the future years
Shirley
Dear Carl,
Best of every thing from one New Marketer to another
Ruth Reinhold

FRESHMAN CLASS

FRESHMAN OFFICERS

President ..... William Groben
Vice-President ..... William Danitz
Secretary ..... Barbara Seifert
Treasurer ..... Thomas Romeo

Good luck
best wishes
to a swell kid
J Ward

Which Gave Us a Grand Opportunity

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Dear Carl,
Best of luck always
a swell fellow
Shirley

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

President ..... Robert Daines
Vice-President ..... William Neely
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Treasurer ..... John Hofer

Dear Carl,
I wish you all the luck, success, & happiness in the world. Remember your next neighbor in New Market wished all good people home. Love, Ellen

To Help Make a Stronger Understanding Nation

JUNIOR CLASS

JUNIOR OFFICERS

President ..... John Wagner
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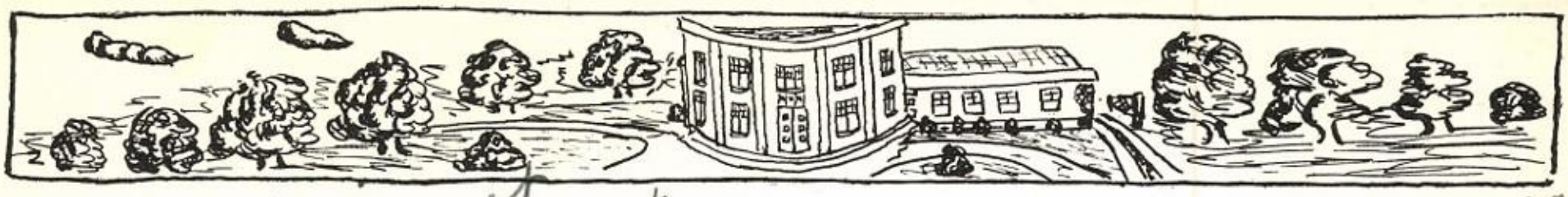
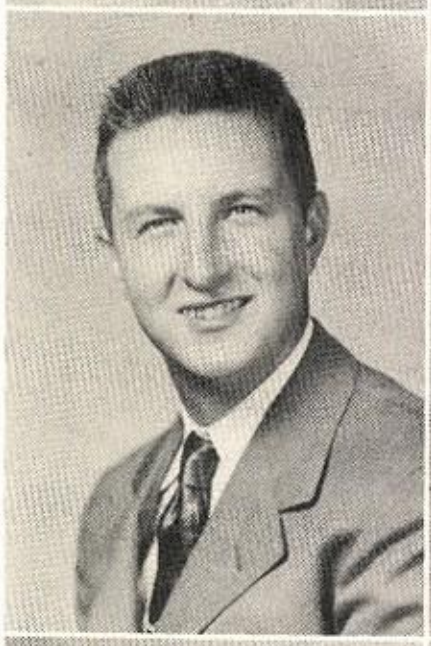


MARGERY ADLINGTON
"MARGIE"
"A merry heart goes all the day."
Just plain cute . . . unlimited number of jokes . . . traveler from Puerto Rico.
Bulldogs' Bark, Blue Letter, Hub Club, Senior Dance, Modern Dance, Pep Club.

NANCY AYERS
"NANCY"
"Patience and gentleness are power."
Eyes that twinkle . . . energy and ambition plus . . . "Vive les Rutgers' sons."
Band, French Club, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, G.A.A., Basketball, Senior Dance, Latin Club, Student Government.

JOSEPH AHEARN
"JOE"
"Let the rest of the world go by."
Bright red blushes . . . always good natured . . . those witty remarks.
Baseball, Football, Blue Letter Staff, Newman Valley Boys.

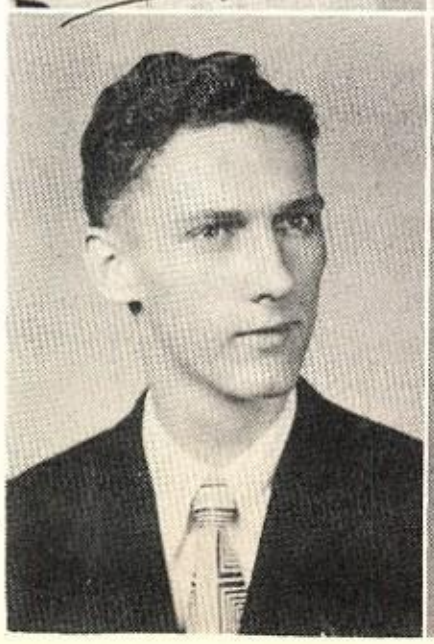


ROBERTA BARATH
"BERTIE"
"The rule of my life is to make business a pleasure, and pleasure my business."
Bubbling over with pep . . . always having a good time . . . smiles.
Basketball, Blue Letter, Hub Club, Tumbling, Baseball, Volley Ball, Bulldogs' Bark.

BARBARA ANDREW
"BARBY"
"With a song in her heart."
Merry eyes . . . gay giggles . . . charming voice.
Band, Glee Club, French Club, Senior Dance, Blue Letter, Basketball, Latin Club, Modern Dance.

ELIZABETH BARRETT
"BETTY"
"I have a heart with room for every joy."
Baby blue eyes . . . smallest of the Senior six . . . Potters field.
Cheerleading, Glee Club, Footlighters, Blue Letter, Modern Dancing.

ALAN ANGER
"ALAN"
"In every gesture, dignity."
Tall and dark . . . ballroom dancer . . . chivalry lives on.
Track.



VERONICA BARTKOWECH
"RONNIE"
"All the world's a stage."
Carefree smile . . . friendly ways . . . yodeling as a future.

PETER BECKER
"PETER"
"A friend indeed."
A crew cut . . . oh, so quiet . . . zest for airplane books.

NANCY BIRDSALL
"NANCY"
"Gentle of speech and beneficent of mind."
Modest smile . . . sincere friend . . . always willing to help.
Blue Letter, Glee Club, Band, Hub Club, G.A.A., Jr.-Sr. Prom.

ALBERT BERTHA
"ALBIE"
"Take me out to the ball game."
Handsome hero . . . true to his job . . . baseball sensation.
Varsity Baseball.

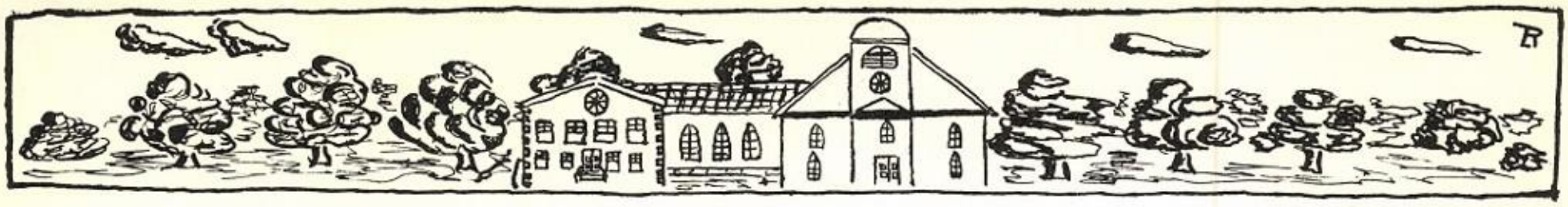
EILEEN BREEN
"EILEEN"
"Joy beams out from top to toe."
Eyes reflect the sea . . . mischief in her merit . . . doing things with Doris.
Hostess Club, Library Club, Hub Club, Hall Patrol, Modern Dance, Senior Dance.

MARION BERTHA
"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."
Jolly personality . . . lively eyes . . . an instinct for mischief.
Hub Club, Basketball, Tumbling, Blue Letter, Junior Dance, Baseball, Volley Ball.

D. LILLIAN BRUNE
"BABES"
"Eyes as stars of twilight fair."
Good looks . . . tops at twirling . . . always takes the "long" way home.
Latin Club, French Club, Tumbling, G.A.A., Basketball, Volley Ball, Modern Dance, Twirling, Tri-Hy-Y.

CARL BIELER
"CARL"
"A pleasant smile, a winning way."
Tranquil expression . . . mountains of quietness . . . agreeable disposition.
Blue Letter.

DONALD BUCKELEW
"DON"
"Fight, team, fight."
Black crew cut . . . never a care . . . dark, good looks.
Varsity Club, Varsity Football, Jr. Dance, Soph. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol.



JERRY BUCKLEY
"CREEPER"
"He was ever precise in promise keeping."
Dark, dark eyes . . . sly side remarks . . . big man in the film world.
Visual Aids, Service Club, Newman Valley Boys.

My best wishes to a sweet guy.
Jerry.

HELEN CHAPMAN
"HELEN"
"I would rather be small and shine, than large and cast a shadow."
Well groomed waves . . . knack for knitting . . . quiet charm.
Fresh., Soph., Jr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Senior Dance.

Dear Carl,
Best of luck
and success
to a swell guy!
Helen

ROBERT BUNKER
"BOB"
"Happy, carefree, always gay."
Crisp brown waves . . . a friendly hello . . . with Don.
Safety Patrol, Visual Aids.

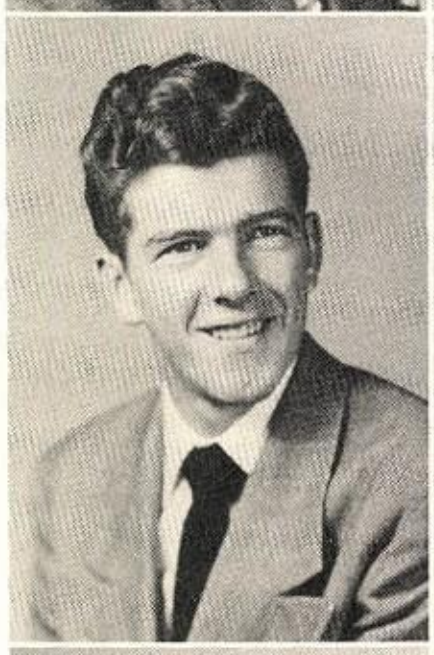
Best of Luck
Always
Bob.

JANET CHODAK
"JANET"
"Say what you please, I shall not change my mind."
Smilin' eyes . . . decided opinions . . . eye for "specs."
Hostess Club, Volley Ball, Basketball, Baseball.

Best of luck
to you & the
future years to
come.

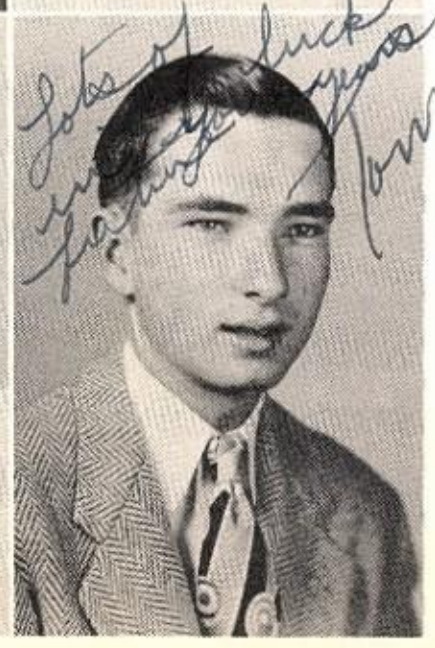
Carl
Best of luck
success
all

CHARLES CANARY
"TWEET"
"Then he will talk! How he will talk."
Smooth dresser . . . enchanting smiles . . . ends every sentence with a "Dot."
J. V. Basketball, Football, Freshman, Soph., Jr. and Sr. Dances, Prom, Cheerleading.



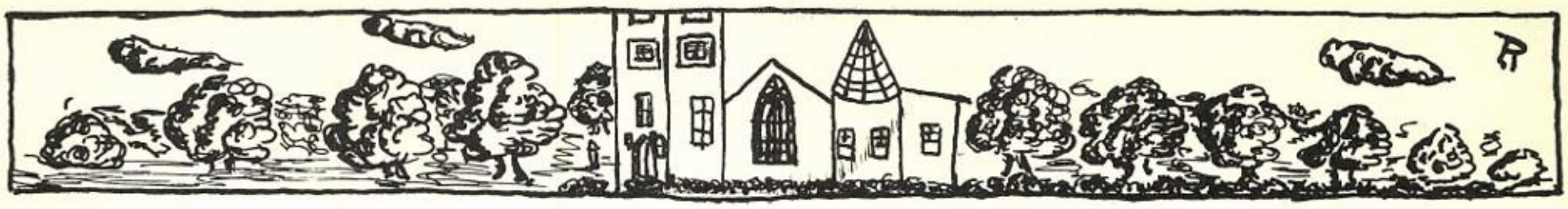
CAROL CHRISTENSEN
"CHRIS"
"Elegant as simplicity, sweet as a tune."
Tall and stately . . . angelic disguise . . . baby, it's "cole" outside.
Safety Patrol, Modern Dancing, G.A.A., French Club, Glee Club, Blue Letter.

BARBARA CARTWRIGHT
"BARBY"
"A heart that is but only gay."
Sunlit waves . . . perpetual motion . . . that far away look.
Freshman, Soph., Jr. Dance, Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark, Latin Club.



Lots of luck
success
Love

THOMAS CLARK
"TOM"
"A friend to all."
Slow smiles . . . never in a rush . . . the Yankees forever.
Baseball.



DONALD CLAUSEN
"DON"
"To him anger is unknown."
Angelic look . . . man of a few words . . . always likeable.

MARGARET CORNELL
"MAISEY"
"As merry as the day is long."
Jet black bangs . . . can laugh a class away . . . hoppin' around like a bunny.
Blue Letter, Footlighters, Latin Club, Modern Dance, Tri-Hi-Y, Band, G. A. A.

DAVID COLE
"DAVE"
"Young in limbs, in judgment old."
Animated expressions . . . talkative . . . only one Christmas "carol."
Football, Track, Glee Club, Projector Club, Hall Patrol.

ROY D'ANDRADE
"ROY"
"None but himself can be his parallel."
Collegiate ways . . . sarcastic quips . . . always the ladies' man.
Basketball, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Junior Dance.

JOHN COMISKEY
"JACK"
"To be gay is the only way."
Wicked winks . . . riotous humor . . . a pretty junior.
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Safety Patrol.

LOUIS DIERING
"LOUIE"
"Why, then the world's mine oyster."
Tall and blond . . . eligible bachelor . . . that certain car.
Band, Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

JANE COOPER
"JANE"
"Her voice was ever soft and low."
Attractive dark eyes . . . a Metuchen lass . . . nice gal.
Hub Club, Pep Club, Basketball, Tumbling, Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark.

JANE DORAN
"JANE"
"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."
Blond halo . . . sparkling disposition . . . a well-dressed man.
Hostess Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Patrol, Glee Club, Blue Letter, Modern Dance.

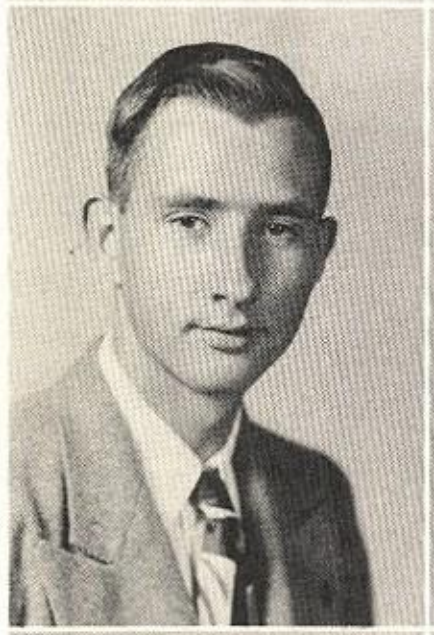
THOMAS DOVER
"TOM"
"Life is a jest and all things show it."
Peppy personality . . . mischievous ways . . . terrific on those drums.
Band, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol, Boys' Glee Club, Basketball.

MARIE ERLE
"MARIE"
"Smile and the world smiles with you."
Sparkling dark eyes . . . studious moments . . . faithful to the band.
Band, Basketball, French Club, Latin Club, Sr. Dance.

BEVERLY DRAKE
"BEV"
"Happy am I, from care I'm free."
Darlin' dimples . . . frequent blushes . . . Oh, Johnny
Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark, Hub Club, Band.

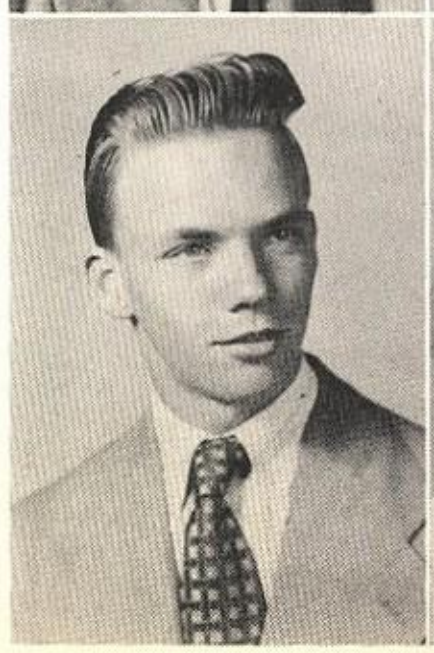
RUTH FROHM
"RUTHIE"
"The radiant sparkle of a jewel."
Dark, natural curls . . . bubbling friendliness . . . cheering for Russ.
Latin Club, French Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Cheerleading, G. A. A., Band, Basketball.

ARNOLD EDWARDS
"ED"
"There is no great genius without a touch of fun."
Mysterious eyes . . . devilish classroom antics . . . likely to succeed.
Library Club, Visual Ed., Band, Safety Patrol.

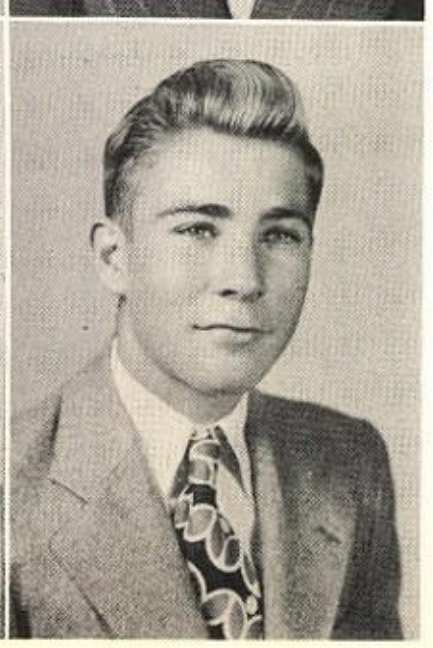


DAVID GALUSHA
"DAVE"
"His size disguises his power."
Short and shy . . . humor sneaks out . . . fun and frolic.

EDWARD ENTWISTLE
"ED"
"A little mischief, full of fun."
Grins from ear to ear . . . always an answer . . . those C. Y. O. games.
Baseball, Football.



MARGARET GONDOLF
"MARGE"
"Silence is golden."
Pleasant disposition . . . sincere friend . . . always waiting for a bus.
Hub Club, Senior Dance, Hostess Club.



EDYTHE GOTCH
"EDEY"
"Pretty as the pictures she paints."
Eyes that dream . . . fleeting smiles . . . artistic talent without temperament.
Glee Club, Latin Club, Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark, Footlighters, German Club 1, German Club 2, Modern Dance.

JOAN GROBEN
"JOAN"
"And had a face like a blessing."
Baby face . . . makes the "bulldog bark" . . . vivacious ways.
Bulldogs' Bark, Glee Club, Modern Dancing, G. A. A., Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Tri-y, Latin Club.

DOROTHY GRYNIAK
"DOT"
"Good things come to those who wait."
Enchanting blue eyes . . . a joke for every occasion . . . with Rosemarie.
Hub Club, Hostess Club, Blue Letter, Library Club, Bulldogs' Bark, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

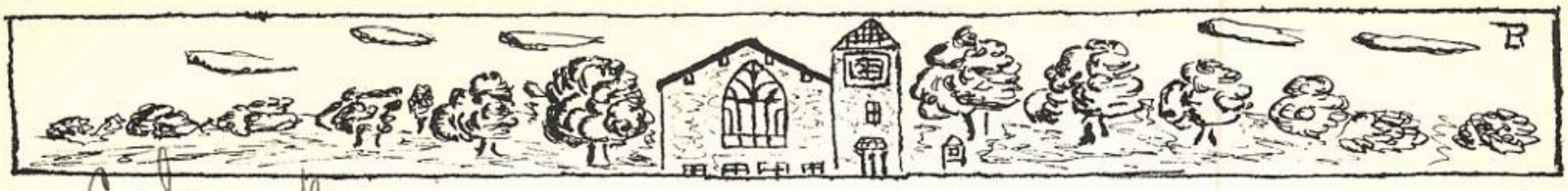
JOHN HARMYK
"JOHN"
"Thy ways are the ways of an honest man."
Long and lean . . . has his quiet moods . . . leaving school early every day.
Football, Baseball, Varsity Club, Library Club, German Club Stamp Club, Senior Dance.

DORIS HECTOR
"DORIS"
"A face with gladness overspread."
Platinum blond hair . . . gaily chatting . . . Oak Tree Store.
Hub Club.

HELEN HEISLER
"HELEN"
"Sweet as the song she sings."
Curly titian locks . . . dramatic gestures . . . with Helene and Sonny.
Bulldogs' Bark, Hostess Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Soph Dance, Jr.

JOHN HELLER
"JOHN"
"Cheer up, the worst is yet to come."
The outdoor look . . . talkative . . . a natural in German.
Basketball, Latin Club, German Club.

THOMAS ROBERT HEROY
"BOB"
"Corn shall make the young man cheerful."
Sandy top . . . wit and humor unlimited . . . a "Newman Valley Boy."
J. V. Baseball, Newman Valley Boy.



JEAN HILL
"JEAN"
"Thine eyes mirror strange things."
Neatly curled locks . . . pleasant smiles . . . "Royal" manner.
Hub Club, Pep Club, Blue Letter, Senior Dance.

LAN CHIEH HUANG
"NANCY"
"One thing is forever good; That one thing is success."
China doll . . . good natured . . . sincere friend.

JOHN HILL
"JACK"
"Ambition knows no rest."
Strong good looks . . . worldly manner . . . true to South River.
Football, Baseball, Basketball, Varsity Club. Student Gov't, Blue Letter, Latin Club, Vis. Ed. Club.

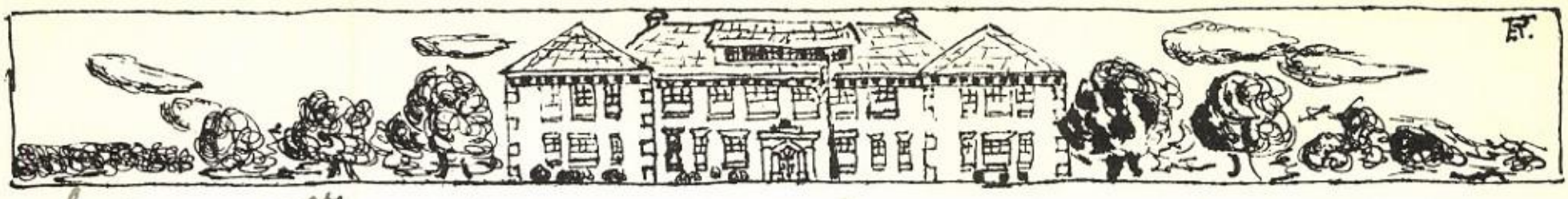
MARGARET HUNT
"MARGIE"
"Friendliness is indeed a virtue."
Freckles galore . . . talented gal . . . twirling and talking.
Twirling, Middionettes, Footlighters, Hub Club, Blue Letter, Glee Club, Footlighters, Jr. Dance.

JEANETTE HODGES
"JEANETTE"
"Tall and stately she stands . . ."
Slender and trim . . . serious worker . . . seen with Bea.
Glee Club, Basketball, G. A. A. Pep Club, Hall Patrol, P. and S. Club.

JERALDINE HURLEY
"JERRY"
"If you would be loved, love and be lovable."
Blond pageboy . . . constant chatting . . . man from South River.
Glee Club, Hub Club, Blue Letter.

SHIRLEY HOWES
"SHIRL"
"Friendship is a sheltering tree."
Rosy cheeks . . . distinctive walk . . . chewing and chuckling.
Hub Club, Sr. Dance.

EVELYN IRVINE
"EVELYN"
"I want but to be a friend."
Soft, sunny smiles . . . quiet and friendly . . . pleasant manner.
Hub Club, Blue Letter.



JEAN JANISCH
"JEAN"
"She walks in beauty."
Smilin' eyes . . . full of fun . . . tops at twirling.
Twirling, Sr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

ELAINE JORGENSEN
"ELAINE"
"Surely the stars are images of love."
Little girl manner . . . frivolous flirtations . . . with the gang.
G. A. A., Latin Club, Jr. Dance, Blue Letter, Pep Club, Freshman Dance.

JOYCE JENSEN
"JOYCE"
"A merry heart goes all the day."
Long, long lashes . . . returning smile . . . friendly in a quiet way.
Blue Letter, Freshman Dance, Soph. Dance.

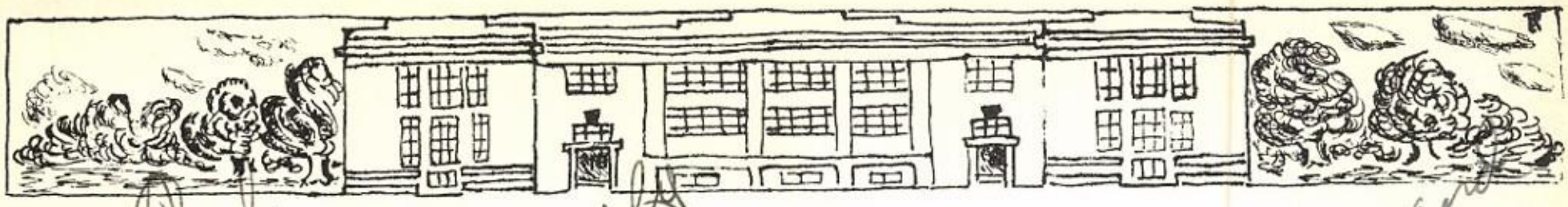
GEORGE KNAPP
"GEORGE"
"What should a man do but be an athlete."
Smile for everyone . . . wise-cracks . . . arguing with Doris in history.
Football, Basketball, Soph. Dance, Jr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

ROGER JOHNSON
"ROGE"
"A strong will, a sound judgment."
Big and brawny . . looking for an argument . . . teacher's torment.
Football, Track, Varsity Club, Student Government, German Club, Hall Patrol.

VIRGINIA KNEISEL
"GINNY"
"Blest with efficiency."
Shy smiles . . . nice clothes . . . wizard in commercial classes.
Blue Letter, Hub Club, G. A. A. Volley Ball, Tumbling.

ALICE JONES
"ALICE"
"She is of a quiet disposition."
Sweet smiles . . . friendly to all . . . with Lillian.

LOUIS KOVACH
"LOUIE"
"Never trouble trouble, till trouble troubles you."
Radiant smiles . . . liked by all . . . witty comments.



WILLIAM KUHNS, JR.
"BILL"
"He hath eaten me out of house and home."
Rough, tough and ready . . . deep husky voice . . . expert hunter.
Football, Glee Club, Band, Varsity Club, Footlighters.

LILLIAN LAUL
"LILLIAN"
"Even though quiet, I am here."
Shy and retiring . . . conscientious in classes . . . friendly manner.

ETTA MARIE LANGMAACK
"PENNY"
"Winning her way with extreme gentleness."
Diminutive damsel . . . quiet manner . . . lovely clothes.
Band.

HOWARD LIMOLI
"HOWARD"
"The world knows nothing of its greatest men."
Slick, dark hair . . . genius incognito . . . flannel shirt.

EDWARD LARSON
"EDDIE"
"I'm just a shy guy."
Tan hair . . . silence is golden . . . quiet laughter.
Band.

NELSON LONG
"RED"
"I shall be without a care."
~~Carrot top~~ . . . chum for M.H.S. . . . "Yes, sir, that's my baby."
Hall Patrol, Cheerleading, Track, Varsity Club.

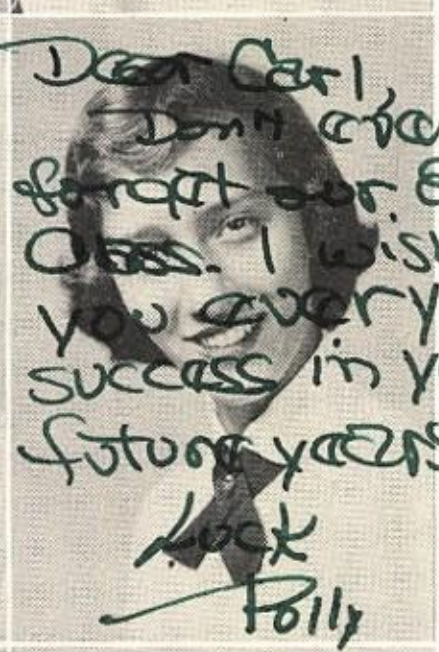
JANE LARSON
"JANE"
"Efficiency is essential to beauty."
Pale-blue eyes . . . individual and unusual . . . talented in many fields.
Latin Club, G. A. A., Tumbling, Basketball, Cheerleading, Blue Letter, Track.

RUTH LONG
"RUTH"
"She breathes individuality."
Golden glints in her hair . . . unlimited sophistication . . . her college man.
German Club, Jr. Dance, Hall Patrol, Volley Ball, Blue Letter.

BERNICE MAGYAR
"BERNIE"
"Good things come in small packages."
Trim figure . . . pleasant disposition . . . passion for Paul.
Basketball, Volley Ball, Tumbling, G. A. A., Baseball, Jr. Dance.

BEATRICE McRAE
"BEA"
"Laugh and the world laughs with you."
Very tall and slim . . . some sense of humor . . . jumpin' jive.
Pep Club, Glee Club, Footlighters, Hall Patrol.

MARGUERITE MAGYAR
"MARGIE"
"Her heart is young and gay."
Her eyes tell a story . . . always beaming . . . waiting for the train to come in.
Footlighters, Bulldogs' Bark, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Baseball, G. A. A.

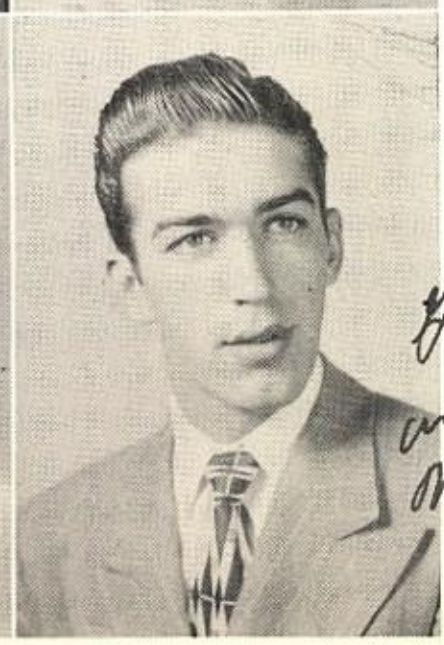


POLLYANN MELKO
"POLLY"
"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."
Chestnut hair . . . athletic ability . . . driving that car.
Cheerleader, Modern Dance, G. A .A., Glee Club, French Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Tri-Hi-Y.

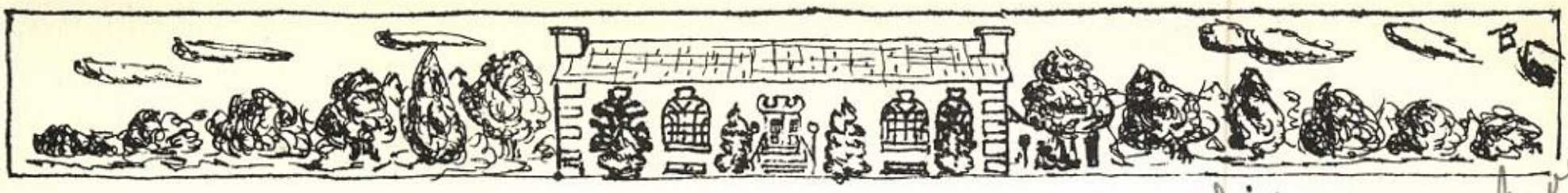
NEIL MANGARELLA
"NEIL"
"Truly a man of distinction."
Smooth dark hair . . . those distinctive glasses . . . in front of Martin's with the guys.

GLADYS METZGER
"GLADYS"
"Thoughtless of beauty, she was beauty's self."
Neatly arranged hair-do . . . always a question . . . no one like her Pete.
Footlighters, Glee Club, Middionettes, Soph. Dance.

MARLENE MARSICANO
"MARLENE"
"Her eyes soft and capacious as a cloudless sky."
Rosebud mouth . . . slow, sure smile . . . looks as if she walked out of a fashion magazine.
Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark, Library Club, Middionette Club, Jr. Dance, Senior Dance.



JOHN MEYERS
"JOHN"
"A man's man in all ways."
Tall, dark and handsome . . . a mind of his own . . . that attractive smile.
Football, Track, Varsity Club.



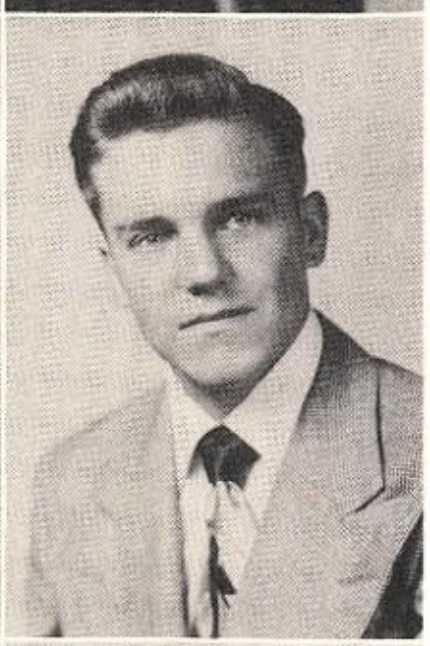
STANLEY MILLER
"STAN"
"His wit invites you by his looks to come."
Strawberry blond hair . . . hearty laughter . . . decided opinions.
Hall Patrol, Football, Basketball, Glee Club.

CAROL MURPHY
"CAROL"
"In friendship I early was taught to believe."
Brown curls . . . sincerity plus . . . Louise's pal.
Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark, French Club, Footlighters, Glee Club, Hall Patrol, Hub Club, Safety Patrol.

KENNETH MORRIS
"KENNY"
"A gentleman so delightfully small in his greatness."
Always a crew cut . . . little red . . . affinity for underclassmen.
Pres. of Soph., Junior, Senior classes. Baseball, Varsity club, Bulldogs' Bark, Boys' Glee Club, Footlighters, Football.

ROBERT MURRAY
"BOB"
"Let everyone mind his own business."
Fleeting smiles . . . quiet disposition . . . Tom's neighbor.
Track, Jr.,-Sr. Prom.

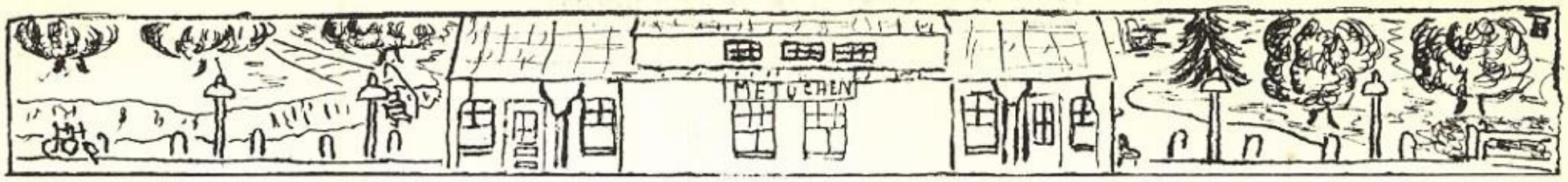
SONJA MORRIS
"SONNY"
"I would be friends with you and have your love."
Always a "sonny" smile . . . faithful friendship . . . one dream in her heart.
Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark, German Club, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hostess Club, Legislature.



FLOYD NEEDHAM
"CHEATUM"
"Seldom he frowns."
Ever present grin . . . carefree as the breeze . . . our football hero.
Football, Baseball, Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Varsity Club, Jr. Dance, Sr. Dance.

DORIS MUNDY
"DOT"
"Get thee behind me, Satan."
Mischievous smile . . . fun and fancy free . . . always "Bob" bin around.
Hub Club, Library Club, Blue Letter, Safety Patrol, Modern Dancing, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Jr. Dance, Freshman Dance.

STEPHEN NEGRON, JR.
"STEVE"
"Why should the devil have all the fun."
Dark eyes and ebony hair . . . harmless boisterousness . . . plenty of personality.
Football, Track, Boys' Glee Club, Modern Dance, Hall Patrol, Varsity Club, Blue Letter, Legislature, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Jr.-Sr. Dance.



ROBERT ORLICK
"BOB"
"He who exerts himself unnecessarily is a fool."
Sky-blue eyes and wavy hair . . . quick quips . . . "Hometown Frolics."

ELAINE PERDUE
"ELAINE"
"Merrily, merrily shall I live now."
Cute as a button . . . always on the go . . . a "Morbit" future.
Soph. Dance, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Dance, Hall Patrol.

LAWRENCE PAFFENDORF
"LARRY"
"He who treads softly goes farthest."
Sun blond hair . . . always carrying a trumpet case . . . seen with Gene.
German Club, Boys' Glee Club, Band.

Best of luck always to a swell fellow.
Larry

HELEN PLATT
"HELEN"
"Her charms strike the sight and her merit wins the soul."
Golden blond hair . . . neater than neat . . . Bill, now and forever.
Soph. Dance, Footlighters.

RICHARD PAPE
"DICK"
"The man that blushes is not a brute."
Tall as a tree . . . pleasant smile on his face . . . totin' the tuba.
Band, Glee Club, All-State Band.

Carl
Best wishes to a swell classmate. There never was a better softball player.
Rich

ROBERT POLHEMUS
"BOB"
"I'm afraid, I'm naturally quiet."
Dreamy-eyed . . . never in a hurry . . . always at the "Y."
Jr.-Sr. Prom.

AGNES PARNEG
"AGGIE"
"A friendly smile, a pleasant manner."
Big, brown eyes . . . kid from Brooklyn . . . the green Oldsmobile.
Hostess Club, Volley Ball, Baseball, Basketball, Tumbling.

To Carl
We'll be seeing you in New Market
+ may you have all the luck + happiness you deserve
Love
Aggie

NADINE POOLE
"NADINE"
"A good heart is better than all the heads in the world."
Sparkling, dark eyes . . . effervescent personality . . . her man, Don.
Hub Club, Blue Letter, Library Club, Basketball, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Soph. Dance.

LOUISE POPOVITCH
"SIS"
"I am a friend to all."
Lots of fun . . . luncheon at Danfords . . . terrific twirling.
Twirling, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, French Club, Latin Club, Soph. Dance, Jr. Dance.

BERNIECE REMLEY
"NIECIE"
"A charming girl is above all ranks."
Lovely as a day in June . . . with Edey . . . another heart for the Marines.
Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Jr. Dance, Soph. Dance, Freshman Dance.

DOROTHY RALEIGH
"DOT"
"A pleasant smile, a quiet way."
Tall and slim . . . peaceful personality . . . dreams of Jerry.
Latin Club, French Club, Hall Patrol, G. A. A., Pep Club.

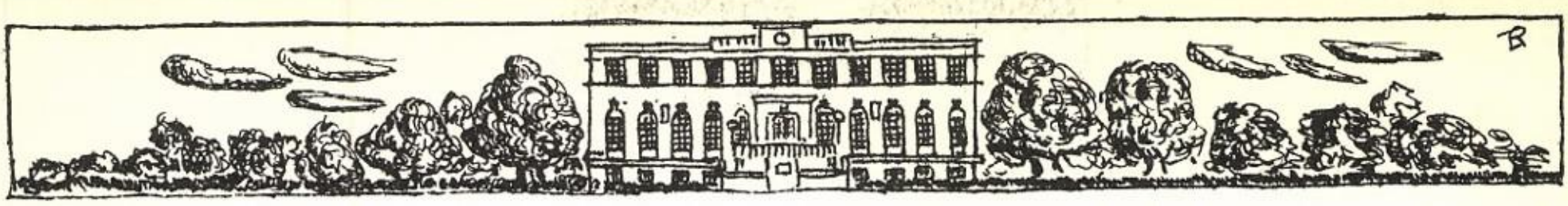
CAROLEE REYNOLDS
"REYN"
"She is as good as she is fair."
Petite prettiness . . . dreamy solitude . . . co-eds on Saturday night.
Cheerleader, Basketball, Baseball, Glee Club, G. A. A., French Club.

EUGENE REGITZ
"GENE"
"Music makes the soul of man."
Horn rimmed glasses . . . daydreaming in classes . . . frequent trips to Pa.
Band, Latin Club, Glee Club.

ROSEMARIE RIGGS
"RO"
"She that is slow to anger is better than mighty."
Curly dark hair . . . pleasant smiles . . . Dot's pal.
Hostess Club, Blue Letter, Bulldogs' Bark, Hub Club.

ROBERT REICK
"BOB"
"Men of few words are the best men."
Little man with a crew cut . . . exceptionally easy-going . . . quiet wit.
Basketball.

ANTHONY ROMEO
"TONY"
"All the world loves a lover."
Coal black hair . . . pastel shirts . . . forever flirting and fooling.
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Varsity Football, Basketball, Baseball, Modern Dance, Bulldogs' Bark.



DOROTHY RULE
"DOT"
"Sugar and spice and everything nice."
Cute as can be . . . personality and pep . . . never a date-less occasion.
Cheerleading, Latin Club, Blue Letter, G. A. A., Hall Patrol, Footlighters.

LEONA SHULMAN
"LEE"
"The mildest manner, the mildest heart."
Sparkling eyes . . . sincere friendliness . . . working at the cleaners.
Bulldogs' Bark.

ROBERT SCHMIDT
"BOB"
"Good humor is always a success."
Navy surplus . . . a pleasant disposition . . . clear blue eyes.

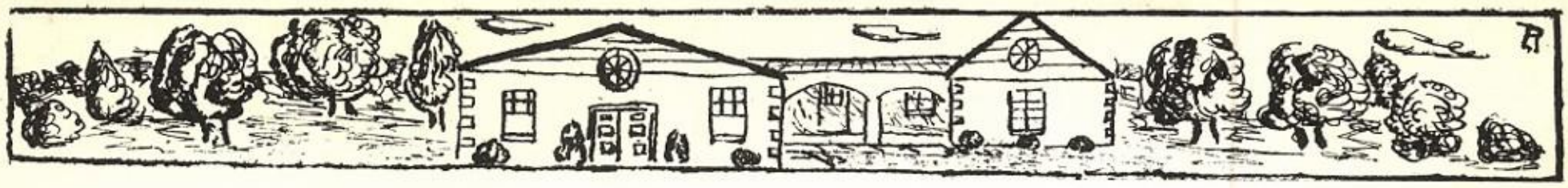
ARMELLA SLISKY
"ARMELLA"
"A bottomless still of energy."
Vim, vigor and vitality . . . superior at sports . . . Bonhamtown.
Blue Letter, Basketball, G. A. A., Hub Club, Hostess Club, Library.

EDWIN SCHUSTER
"ED"
"A light heart lives long."
Full tranquillity . . . Oak Tree boy . . . sixth period clock watcher.
J. V. Football.

FRANCES SORGENTO
"FRAN"
"Her dancing is the envy of the gods."
Nice personality . . . takes delight in dancing . . . Home Ec. classes galore.
Hub Club, G. A. A., Blue Letter, Footlighters, Bulldogs' Bark, Tumbling, Modern Dancing.

PHYLLIS SHOOBRIDGE
"PHYL"
"I'll argue with you, but, I'm right."
Self possessed . . . designing dreams . . . lunch in study hall.
Modern Dancing, Band, Glee Club, Footlighters, Basketball, Senior Prom.

BERNICE STALLINGS
"BERNICE"
"On pleasure she was bent."
Carefree chuckles . . . never noiseless . . . with Bea.
Footlighters, Girls' Basketball, Library Club, Hostess Club.



BEVERLY STEWART
"BEV"
"She was ever fair, never proud."
Honey-colored hair . . . gentle shyness . . . always nicely dressed.

ELIZABETH SUSSICK
"BETTY"
"Why speak when there is nothing to say."
Serious expression . . . sweet shyness . . . pleasant smiles.
Basketball, Blue Letter, G. A. A.

RUSSELL STILLWAGGON
"RUSS"
"He will give the devil his due."
Mischief in every smile . . . the sportsman . . . "Yes, you didn't; no, you did."
Newman Valley Boys, Football, Baseball.

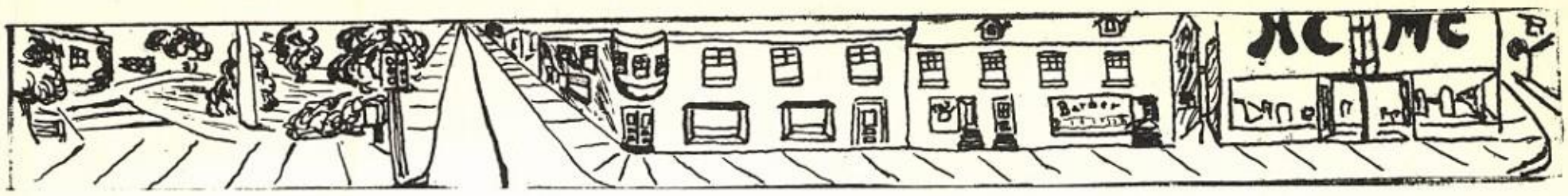
JOHN TAUSCHER
"JOHN"
"To say he is quiet is an understatement."
Tall and blond . . . fond of sports . . . Yea! Yankees.

JANET STORER
"JAN"
"As full of spirit as the month of May."
Cornflower blue eyes . . . gayety galore . . . new to M. H. S.
Glee Club, Hub Club, Senior Dance.

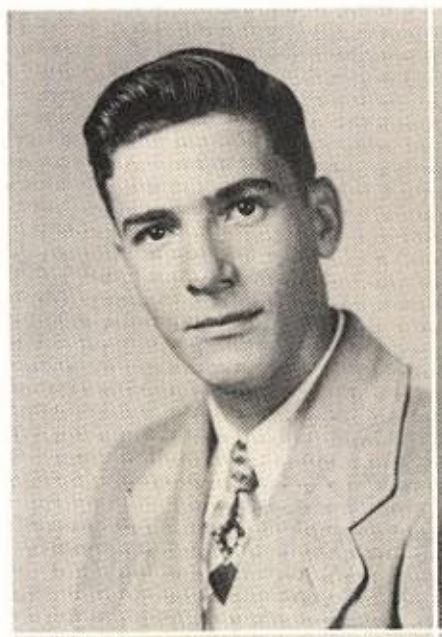
GLADYS TEN EYCK
"GLADYS"
"Be silent and safe, silence never betrays you."
Long russet locks . . . short and sweet . . . driving around at noon.
G. A. A., Hub Club, Blue Letter, Modern Dancing.

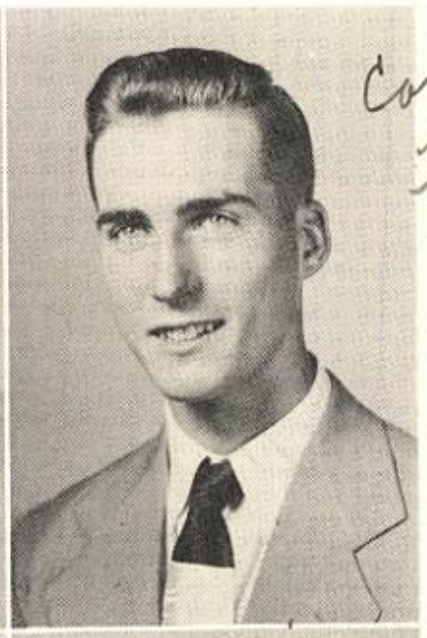
ANDREW STRICKER
"ANDY"
"No one is wise enough by himself."
Mild mannerisms . . . serene . . . wit at will.

FRANCIS TONER
"BUTCH"
"His reasoning is full of tricks."
Little boy at heart . . . adept in athletics . . . "a Newman Valley boy."
Football, Baseball, Student Govt.



WILLIAM VAN ALLEN
"BILL"
"As pleasant as the day is long."
Keen brown eyes . . . ambitious attitude . . . with Joe and Russ.
Baseball, Football, Latin Club, Hall Patrol, Cabinet, Newman Valley Boys.





Carl
Lots of luck
Walter

WALTER WOJCIECHOWSKI
"WOJIE"
"Where there's a will, there's a way."
Blue eyes and blond hair . . . quiet and unassuming . . . skilled in sports.
Student Govt., Football, Baseball.

ERNEST VARGA
"BUDDY"
"Serious smiles and cheerful grins."
Jolly joking . . . noontime race for an orange soda . . . that well groomed look.
Glee Club, Modern Dancing, Hall Patrol, Band, Bulldogs' Bark, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

HELENE WUEST
"HELENE"
"What I value most, there will my heart be."
Sea blue eyes . . . abundance of intelligence . . . faithful friendliness.
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Hostess Club, German Club.

HELEN VEREB
"HELEN"
"Beauty lives with kindness."
Warm brown eyes . . . attractively attired . . . strolling with Johnnie.
Blue Letter, Hub Club, Library Club.

Dear Carl
Lots of luck
Fellow
Helen

Dear Carl,
Lots of luck
and happiness
in the future
a quiet but nice
guy.
Fiz

FRANCIS ZUNINO
"FIZ"
"Wit and Wisdom are born with a man."
Teasing smile . . . brainpower unlimited . . . hurrying to Highland Park.
Football, Baseball, Basketball, Stamp Club, Varsity Club, German Club, Student Council.

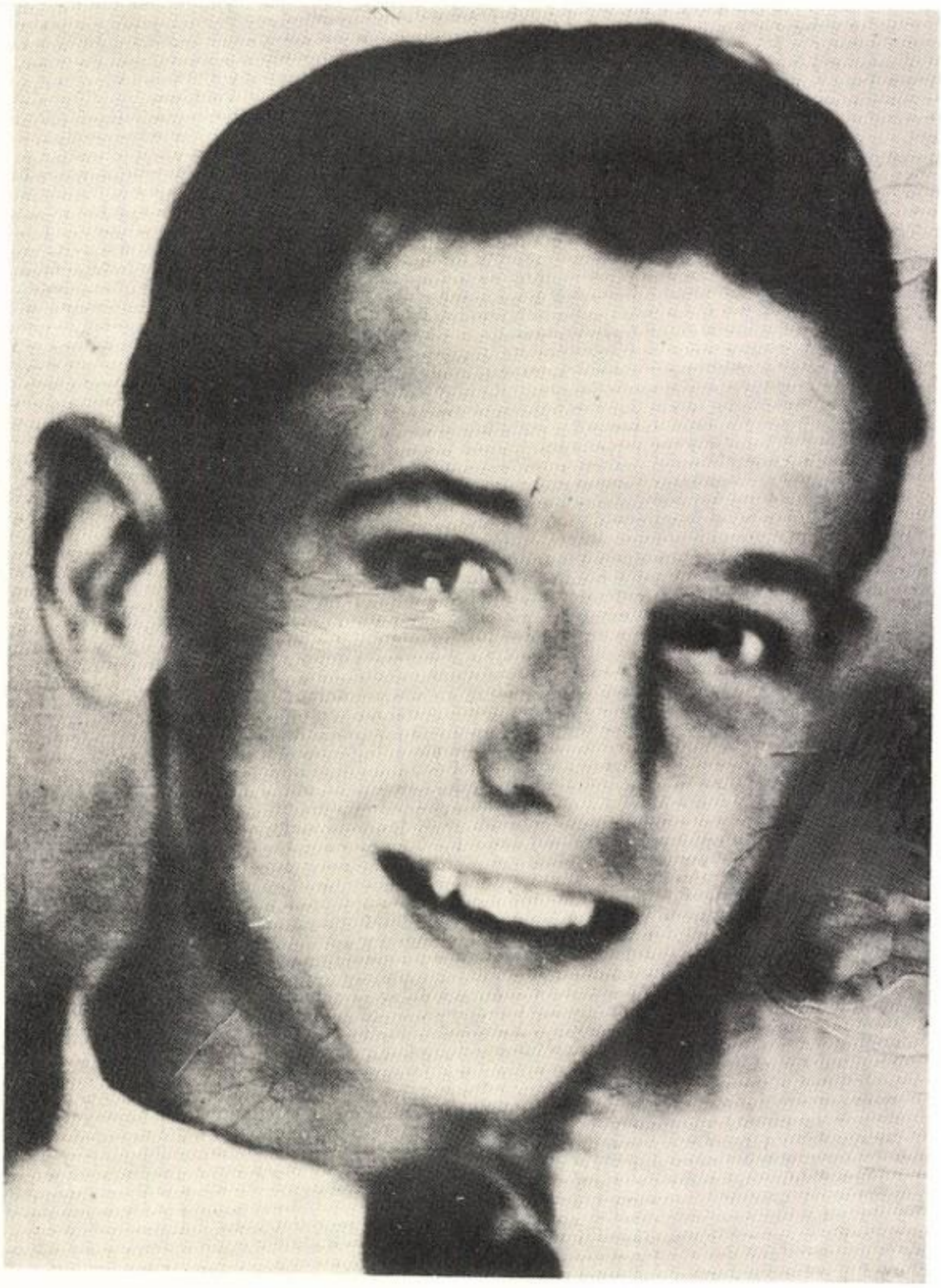
EDWARD WARGO
"ED"
"Be slow of tongue and quick of eye."
Smooth brown hair . . . quantities of quiet . . . woodworking.

Best of luck
in the future
to our old Mech. Draw.
class. Ed.

JOHN BASILE
"JOHN"
"A pleasant newcomer to our school."
Reading and talking . . . with Bob and Peter . . . always a charming smile.

Carl,
may you have all
the luck in the world
you deserve it
Jack

In Memoriam

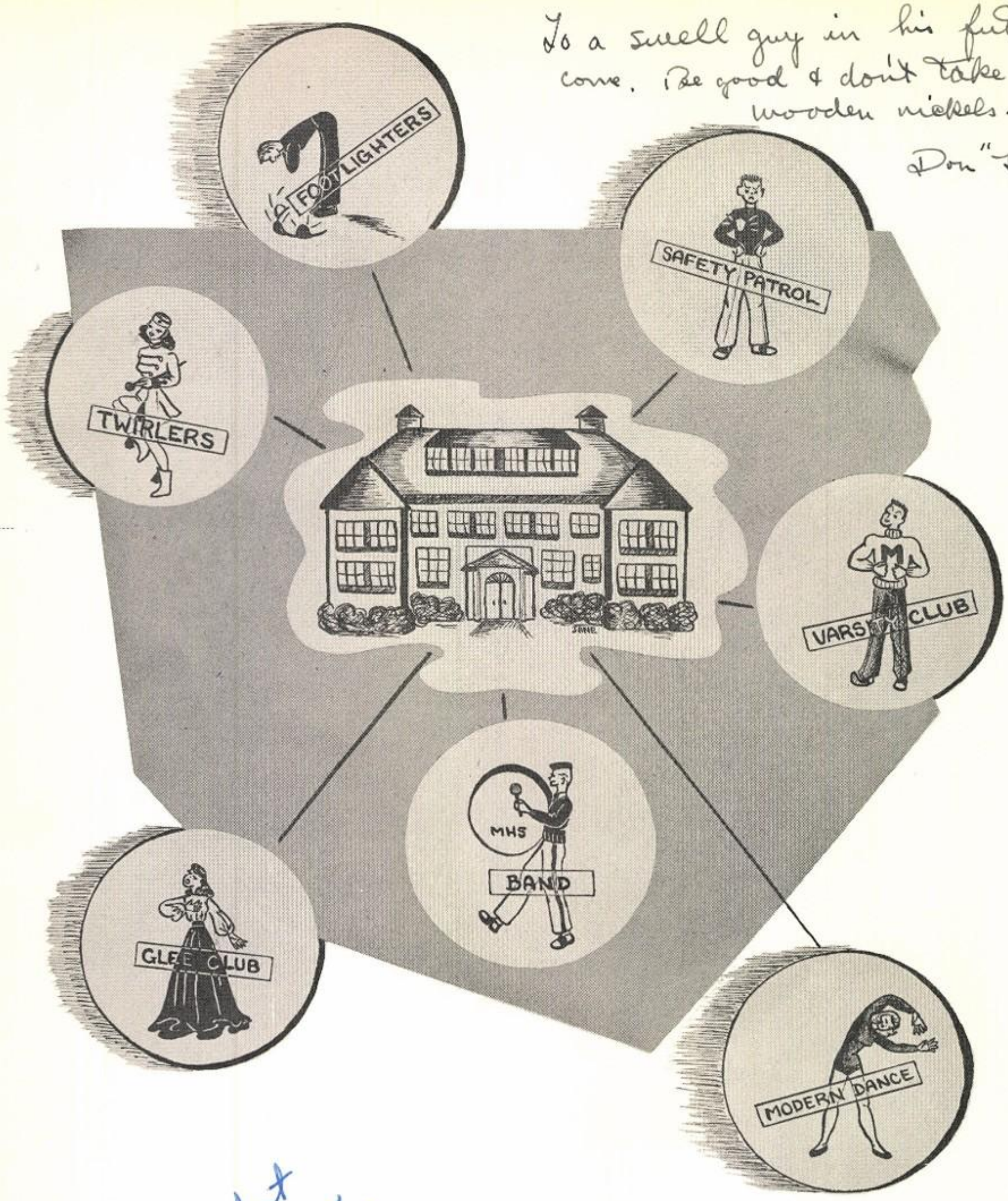


A Memoriam To Norman McTighe

We, the Metuchen High School Class of 1950, bow our heads in tribute to a departed member of our class, Norman McTighe. There will always be a cherished memory of his quiet, friendly manner. Although he is gone from our midst, he will live in our hearts and minds forever.

To a swell guy in his future to come. Be good & don't take any wooden nickels.

Don "Ted" Brunner



OUR ACTIVITIES

unite us in other

means of education

Dear Carl – That
I guess
do to different cl
I never got to
you to well –
If I can't to a swell
fella – Love
Lynette

LEGISLATURE

The Legislature, presided over by John Wagner, has endeavored to keep the school constitution up-to-date and to make any amendments that are necessary. The legislators met every other Friday. Mrs. Hutton advised the group.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The aim of the Student Government is to promote better understanding between the students and the faculty. The following officers were chosen to run our government:

President ..... *Francis Zunino*
Vice President ..... *John Wagner*
Secretary of State ..... *Roger Johnson*
Secretary of Interior ..... *Ruth Long*
Secretary of the Treasury ..... *Jane Larson*
Secretary of Assemblies ..... *Gladys Metzger*
Secretary of Activities ..... *William Van Allen*
Attorney General ..... *David Cole*
Recording Secretary ..... *Nancy Ayers*
Chief Justice ..... *John Hill*

The faculty advisers were Mr. Schmidtchen and Mr. Wilson.

HALL AND SAFETY PATROL

This year the Hall Patrol has managed to keep the traffic in the halls running smoothly. David Cole acted as captain and Stanley Miller as lieutenant. Miss Reiner was the faculty adviser.

MIDDIONETTES

The members of this club meet every Tuesday at noon with their adviser, Miss Farrell. The purpose of this group is to arrange for all types of welfare programs. This year one of the major activities was the making of stuffed toys for needy children at Christmas.

"HUB" CLUB

The "Hub," under the direction of Mrs. Swank, meets the first and third Wednesday of each month to create an interest in increasing speed and accuracy in typing. It is principally an organization of commercial students. Another purpose of the club is to foster a better understanding of the peoples of the world through the nationalities of its own members. One of the main interests of the group is to enter the New Jersey State Typing Contest.

President ..... *Rosemarie Riggs*
Vice-President ..... *Diane Shednick*
Recording Secretary ..... *Leoda Carte*
Corresponding Secretary ..... *Muriel Kaysen*
Treasurer ..... *Armella Slisky*

FRENCH CLUB

This year the French Club has reorganized under the direction of Mr. Graham. Plans were underway to make a trip. The main purpose of the club is to learn more about the customs of France. The following officers were elected: President—Barbara Andrew; Vice-President—Jane Larson; Secretary — Jane Rowan; Treasurer — Robert Todt.

GERMAN CLUB

In order to maintain an interest in the German language and to become acquainted with the customs of Germany, this group meets in Room 29 the last Wednesday of the month. Among the activities are taking trips to New York, producing a German play and having guest speakers at their meetings. The officers are, Helene Wuest, President; Scotty Ruigh, Vice-President; Daniel Hahl, Treasurer; Carolee Reynolds, Secretary.

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club's purpose is to create an interest in the language and to plan trips to various places of worthwhile interest.

The club's activities include taking trips to New York and producing Latin plays or skits by the club members.

Dorothy Smith, Gregory Machyowsky and Katherine Dubni served as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

BULLDOG'S BARK

The Bulldog's Bark has seen its first full year. It has been successfully revived by Miss Anker for the purpose of informing the students of the activities in and around the school. A test at the end of a journalism course determines the staff members. The editorial staff was headed by Joan Groben, and Joe Wernik headed the business staff. Mrs. Dralle was the business adviser.

HOSTESS CLUB

The Hostess Club, of recent origin, desires to aid other organizations in planning parties and giving assistance to the needy. One of their activities was a visit to the Westfield Polio Home, where gifts were presented to the children. The officers are: President—Helene Wuest; Vice-President—Sonia Morris; Secretary—Helen Heisler; Treasurer—Carol Meeker. Miss Kramer was the adviser.

CARVING CLUB

Under the guidance of Mr. Larson, a new club has been organized this year. The Carving Club attempts to interest students in carving figures from wood.

This year's officers were President, Elwood Van Sice; Vice President, James Wilkinson and Secretary-Treasurer, John Semonish.

EIGHT BALL SOCIETY

This club was organized for the purpose of assigning odd jobs to different students in the homeroom of Mrs. Jessen.

Their activities consist largely of parties in the homeroom. The officers are President—Robert Nastanovich; Vice-President—Nancy Crawford; Treasurer — Morty Wernik; Secretary — Robert Graulick.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club is different from all the other clubs at Metuchen High School in that it has no officers. It endeavors to improve the library by keeping all the books, pamphlets, and pictures in order. Members also have assigned periods when they take charge of the circulation.

Beside its activities in school, the club belongs to the New Jersey School Library Councils Association and attended both the fall and spring meetings held at New Brunswick High School and Trenton State Teachers College respectively.

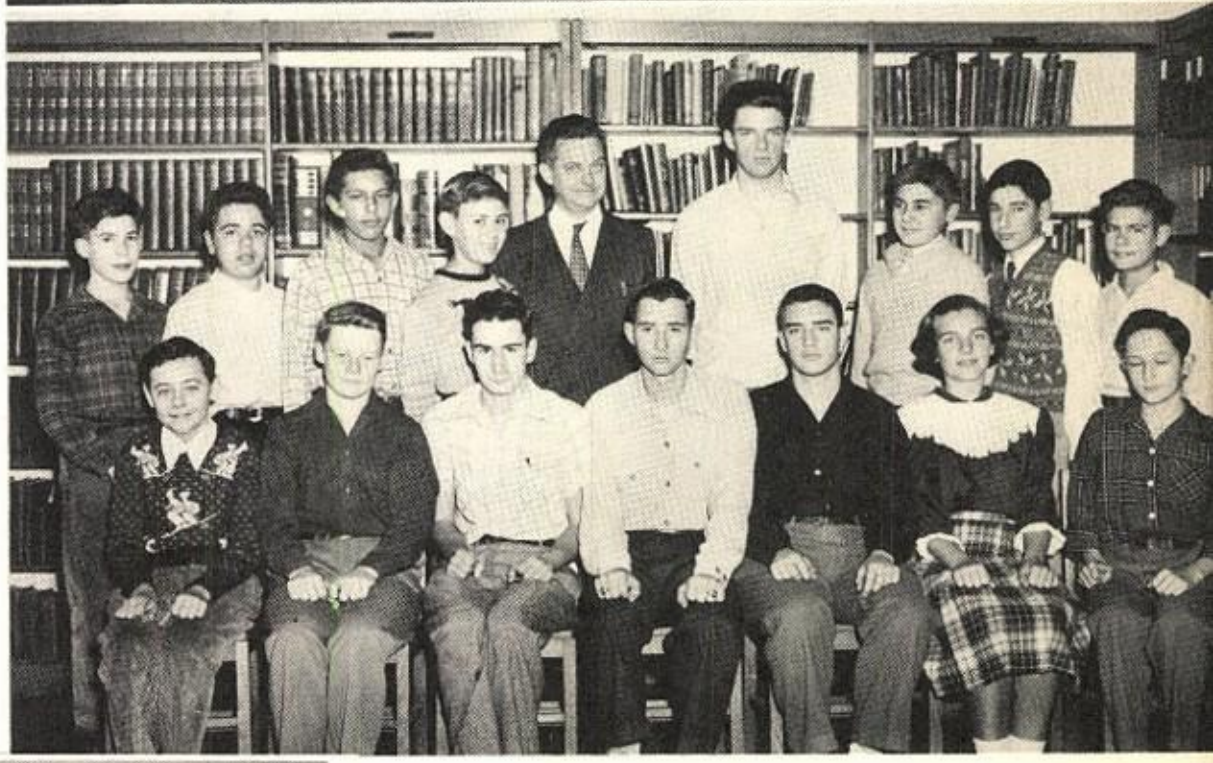
STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club, under the direction of Mr. Marcason was organized again this year. It promotes stamp collecting as a hobby, not from a financial standpoint.

Officers for the year were as follows: President, Eleanor Ritter; Vice-President, Anne Auderson; Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Kaplowitz.

VIS-ED CLUB

To learn to operate the visual aid equipment is the main goal of the Vis-Ed Club. Mr. Nielsen is the director. The officers are President, Arnold Edwards; Vice-President, John Aureluis; Secretary, Barbara Ayers; Treasurer, Rudy Ruckert; Jerry Buckley is the student director.



VARSITY CLUB

The Varsity Club is composed of lettermen from our varsity athletic teams. The aim of the club is to further the cause of athletics by instilling the spirit and interest of sports in the student body. This year the club held the annual Varsity Club Dance to raise funds for the varsity jackets. The faculty advisers for the club were Mr. Bacha and Mr. Hartland. Ken Morris, John Meyers and Steve Negron served in the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

FOOTLIGHTERS

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The dramatic society of Metuchen High School aids in the development of better speech and stage work among its members.

On their traditional play night of December 9, the Footlighters presented three one-act plays, which were, "Which Is The Way To Boston," "Happy Journey," and "Question of Figures."

Lillian Brune, Polly Melko, Karen Nissen, and Joe Wernik served in the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Miss Link was the adviser.

BAND

The band, under the direction of Mr. Atkinson and under the leadership of Doris Riddle, drum majorette, has had an active year playing for all our assemblies, football games and for both the Halloween and Memorial Day parades. The highlight of the year was the annual Spring Music Festival.

The officers elected were Nancy Ayers, President; Joe Wernik, Vice-President; Kenneth Andrew, Secretary-Librarian; Richard Pape, Treasurer.

TWIRLERS

The twirlers have not only led the band, but they have also performed at the football games, pep rallies and annual spring concert. The group performs under the direction of Doris Riddle, drum majorette, and Lillian Brune, head twirler. Mr. Atkinson is their faculty adviser.

GLEE CLUB

The main activities of the glee clubs are preparing for the Christmas Pageant and exchange assemblies and giving the spring concert. The officers of the Girls' Glee Club are: President — Barbara Andrew; Librarian—Carol Murphy; Secretary—Dorothy Smith . . . Boys' Glee Club—President, Steve Negron; Librarian—Edward Dunne; Secretary, Richard Pape.

BLUE LETTER

BLUE LETTER STAFF

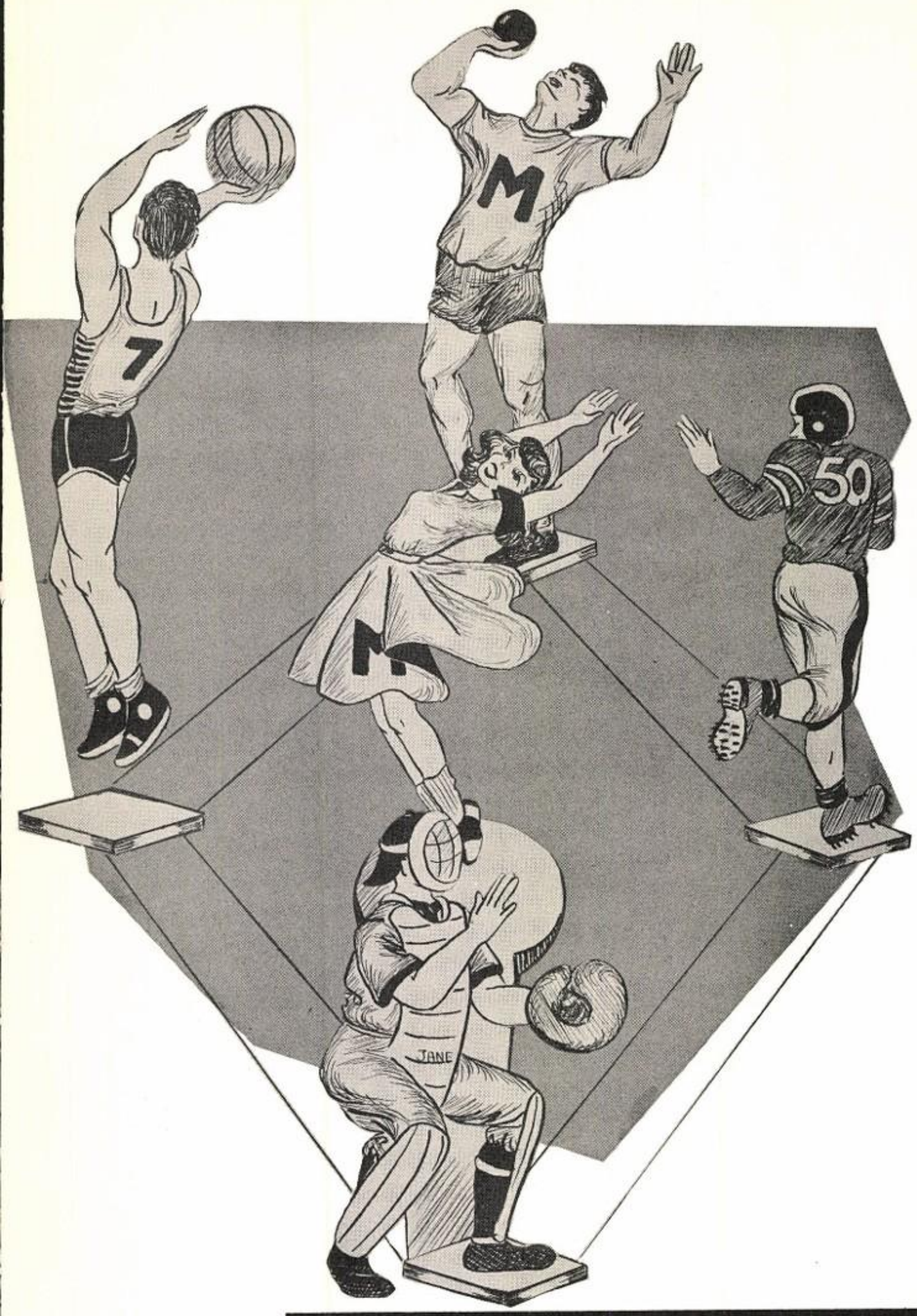
General Faculty Adviser .....Miss L. Haitsch
Editor-in-chief .....Nancy Ayers
Associate Editor .....Sonia Morris
Senior Write-ups Carol Murphy, Louise Popovitch
Faculty Write-ups .....Doris Mundy
Club Write-ups .....Adviser—Miss F. deVries,
Carol Christensen, Barbara Andrew, Betty Barrett,
Helen Heisler, Beverly Stewart
Sports Write-ups .....Jack Hill, Stanley Miller,
Margie Schenck
Photography .....George Pearse, Brook Painter
Art Staff—Faculty Adviser .....Miss Reiner
Editor .....Jane Larson, Edythe Gotch, Bob Todt

COLLECTORS

Margery Adlington, Joseph Ahearn, Roberta Barath, Marion Bertha, Carl Bieler, Nancy Birdsall, Eileen Breen, Charles Canary, Helen Chapman, Jane Cooper, Jane Doran, Beverly Drake, Doris Hector, Jean Hill, Margaret Hunt, Jeraldine Hurley, Evelyn Irvine, Jean Janisch, Joyce Jensen, Alice Jones, Etta Langmaack, Bernice Magyar, Marlene Marsicano, Stanley Miller, Agnes Parneg, Nadine Poole, Dorothy Raleigh, Bernice Remley, Rosemarie Riggs, Armella Slisky, Betty Sussick, Glayds Ten Eyck, Ernest Varga, Helen Vereb, TYPISTS: Dorothy Gryniak, Nancy Birdsall, Rosemarie Riggs, Virginia Kneisel.

BUSINESS STAFF

Mrs. Mildred Swank .....Faculty Adviser
Dorothy Gryniak .....Business Manager
Virginia Kneisel .....Collection Manager
Jack Comiskey ....Assistant Collection Manager
John Meyers .....Assistant Collection Manager

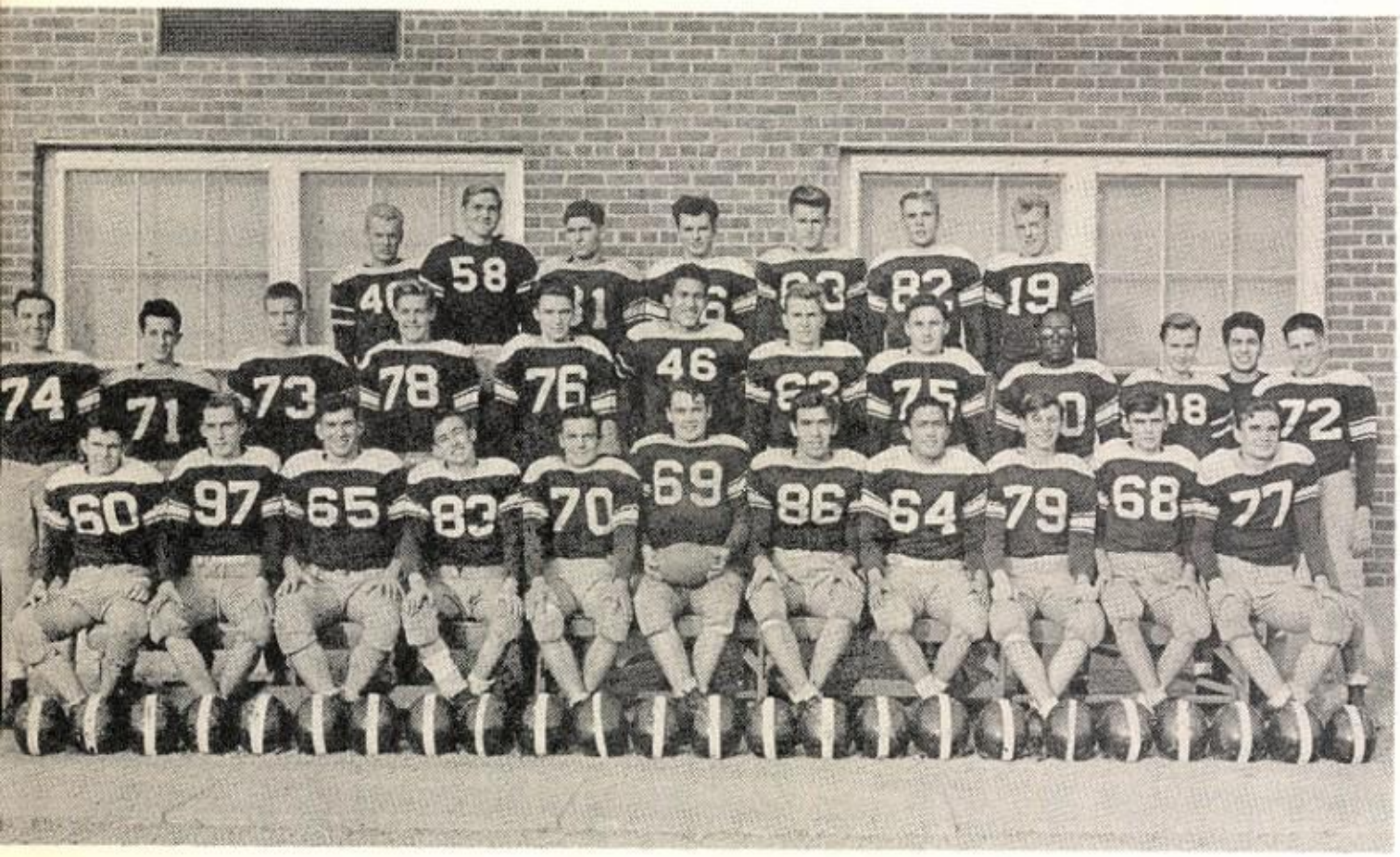


OUR ATHLETICS

our strength and skill

teach us to combine

Strength, Action and Teamwork Make a Winning Team



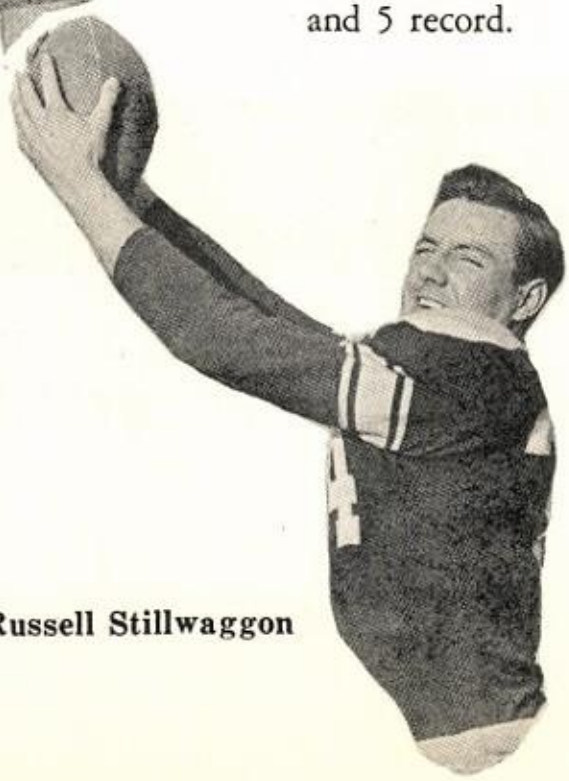
FOOTBALL

Floyd Needham

VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Bulldogs opened the 1949 season with hopes for a successful year. An upset by Dunellen and a defeat by Sayreville marked the beginning of what seemed to be a sad year. However, the Blue and White showed that they were not completely beaten and came back from a seven point deficit to whip Matawan 20-7. Clinton followed and bowed to the superior strength of the Bulldogs. The third straight victory came when Metuchen defeated Atlantic Highlands, 25-13. A few "key men" who were injured caused Metuchen some difficulty. In the remaining three games, the Bulldogs fought hard, but appeared to have lost their bite. The season closed with a 3 and 5 record.

Roger Johnson



Russell Stillwaggon

Steve Negron, Jr.

Francis Zunino

Jack Balas

Jack Hill

Walter Wojciechowski

George Knapp

John Meyers

Francis Toner

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

In 1949 Metuchen presented its first Freshman football team with Coach Buckelew at the helm. The squad was composed of 8th, 9th, and 10th graders who had had little or no previous football experience.

The team played the first game on October 7. We lost 20-13 to the Linden Frosh.

Next the team traveled to Scotch Plains where we defeated their team 7-6. Scotch Plains went ahead in the second quarter, but on a pass from Bob Regan to John Hofer the score was tied. Then Richie McCombs went over for the extra point.

The Frosh met Highland Park but were defeated 12-7.

On October 28th they met South River and in a closely contested battle lost, 16-14.

Last came New Brunswick where we suffered the only great defeat of the season 26-0; however, New Brunswick had been undefeated all season.

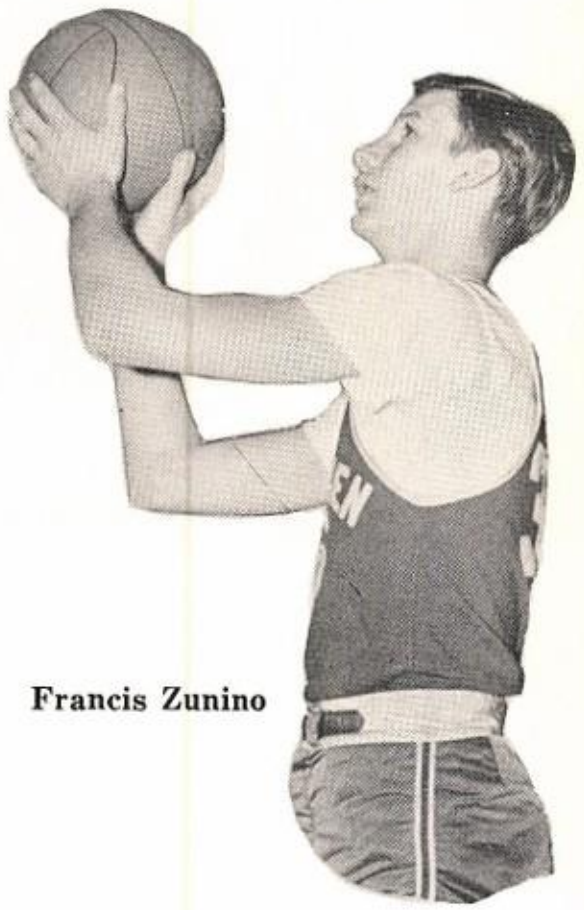
Next year most of the members who play Freshman ball this year will probably move up to J. V. and Varsity positions.

SCHEDULE

Linden	20	Metuchen	13
Scotch Plains	6	Metuchen	7
Highland Park	12	Metuchen	6
South River	16	Metuchen	14
Scotch Plains	7	Metuchen	6
New Brunswick	26	Metuchen	0
Total	87		46

In Any Field, Court or Community We Must Work Together

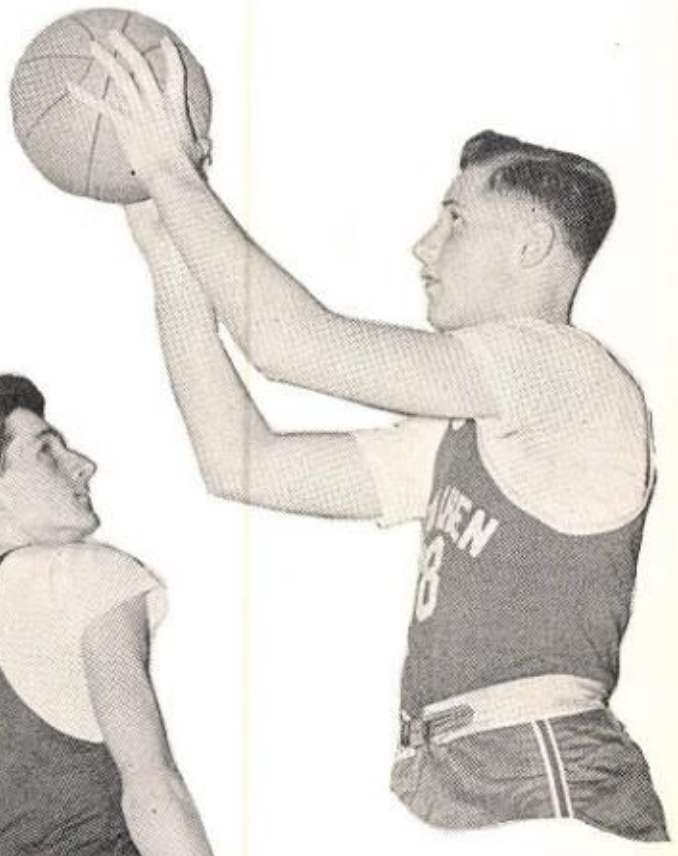
LEFT TO RIGHT: John Hoops, Donald Ritter, Louis Borbely, Francis Zunino, Robert Daines, John Heller, John MacKenzie, Joe Masters, Robert Geczi, Arthur Kempf, Gene Meny, Donald Perkin.



Francis Zunino

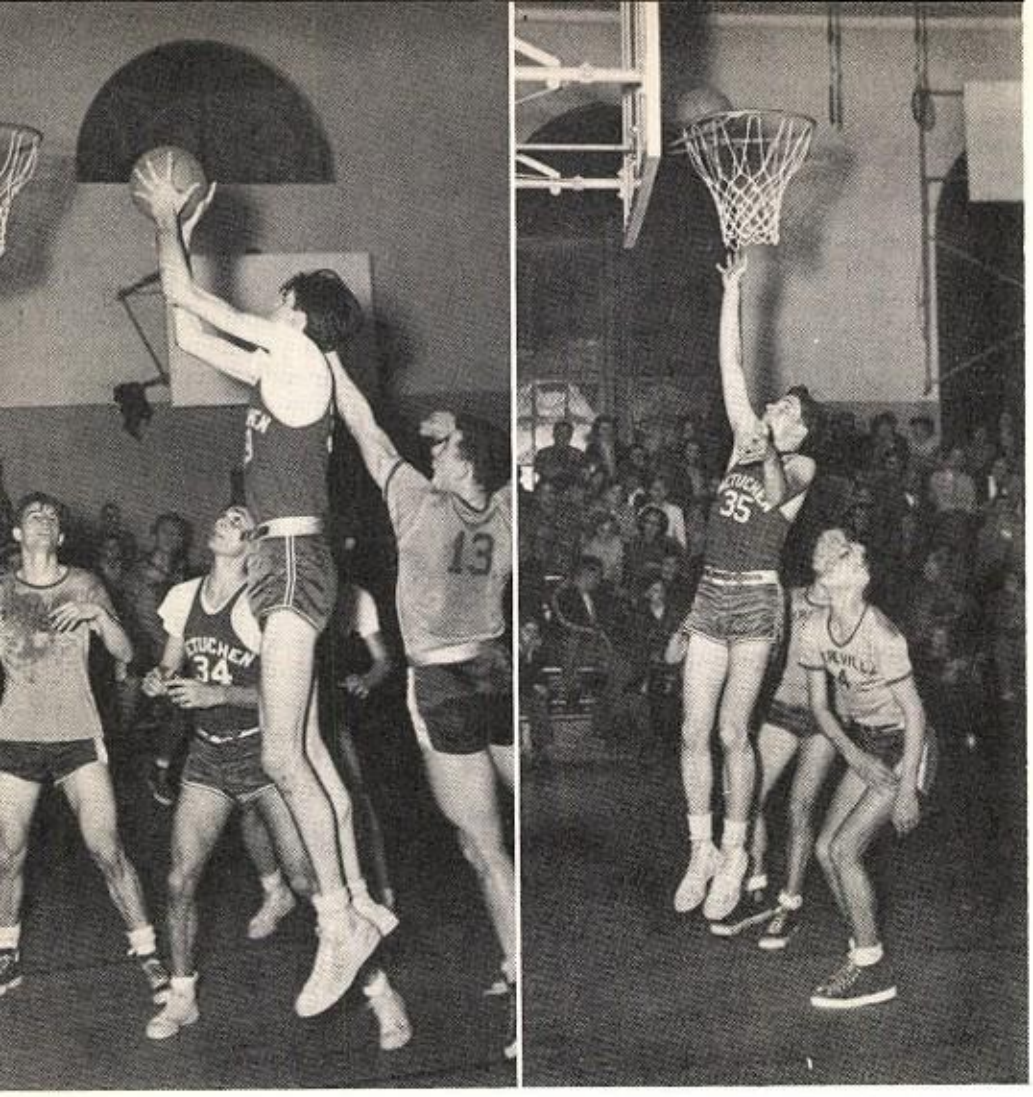
VARSITY BASKETBALL

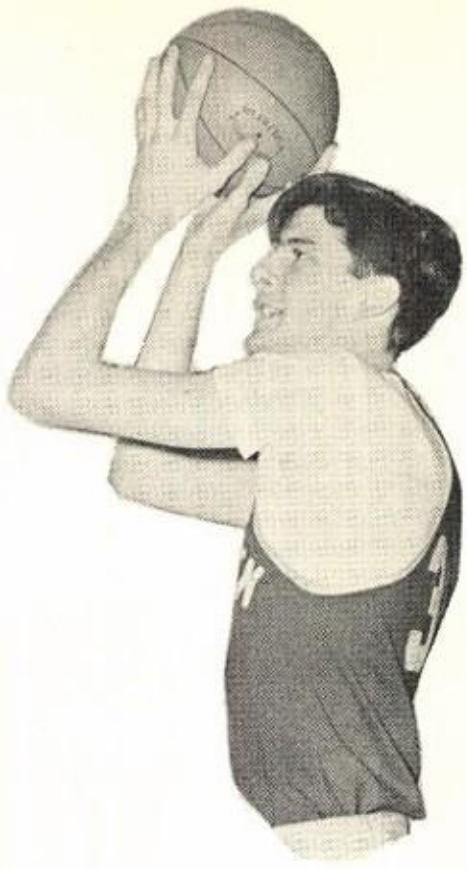
With Bob Geczi and Joe Masters back from last year's first string and a seasoned team up from the J. V., Metuchen presented an array of cagers that proved to be hard to beat. After dropping the opener, the Bulldogs came back to defeat teams from Perth Amboy Vocational and the Trojans. After dropping one to Jamesburg, they scored one of the biggest upsets of the season in beating Dunellen 51-50. In other games they defeated Perth Amboy Vocational again and New Brunswick Vocational. Two very close games with undefeated Sayreville almost enabled Metuchen to repeat the Dunellen surprise. At present, Bob Geczi is the leading scorer with 131 points. Frank Zunino is second with 88 and Joe Masters is third with 68.



John Heller

Robert Geczi



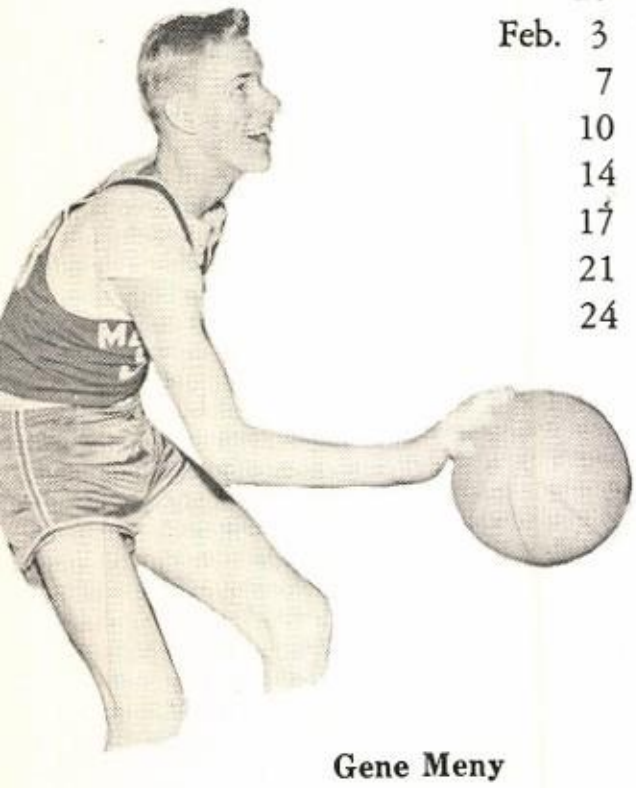


John MacKenzie

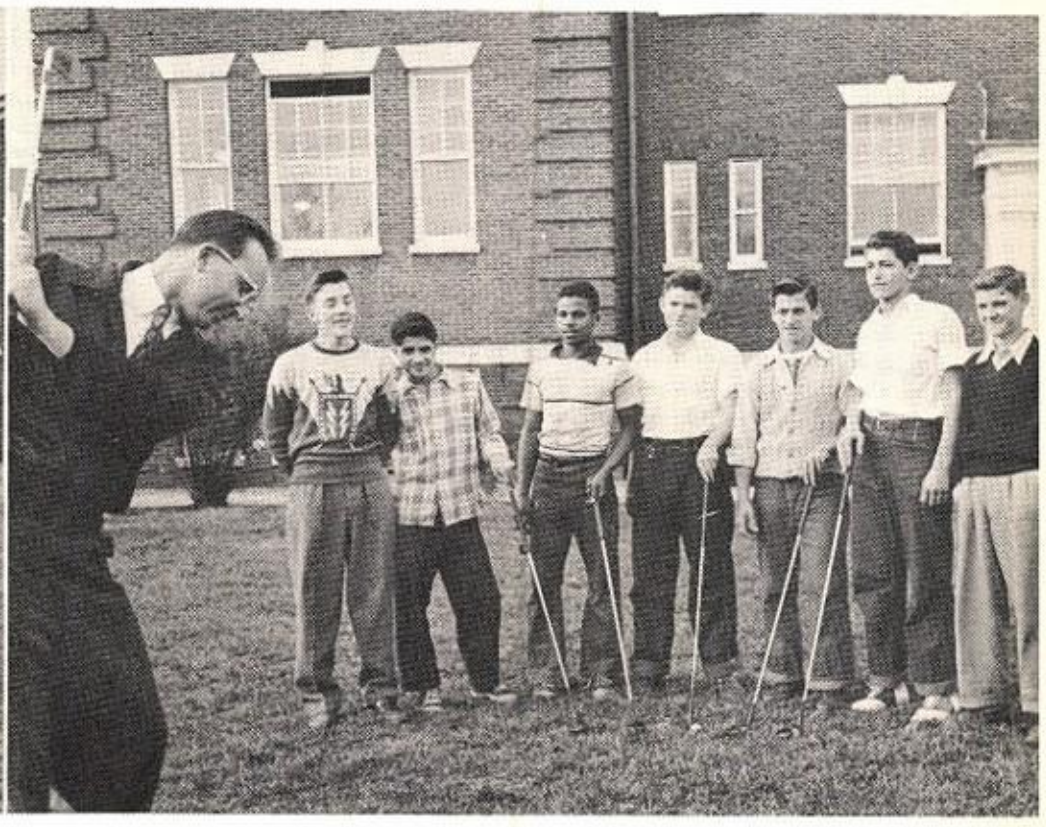
Joe Masters

VARSITY SCHEDULE

Date	*Team*	*Met.*	*Opp.*	*Place*
Dec. 16	Perth Amboy St. Mary's	36	57	H
20	Perth Amboy Vocational	50	44	A
21	Trojans	52	48	H
Jan. 6	Jamesburg	40	50	H
10	Dunellen	51	50	H
13	Woodbridge	48	63	H
17	Perth Amboy Vocational	66	33	H
20	Sayreville	46	52	A
24	New Brunswick Vocational	52	29	H
27	Dunellen	37	67	A
Feb. 3	Sayreville	44	51	H
7	Highland Park	—	—	A
10	St. Mary's	—	—	A
14	New Brunswick Vocational	—	—	A
17	Jamesburg	—	—	A
21	Highland Park	—	—	H
24	Woodbridge	—	—	A



Gene Meny



BASEBALL

The 1949 season proved to be the most successful for the Bulldogs since the return of baseball to Metuchen High School. Although only three lettermen returned from the previous season, the team battled the odds against their success to end the season with a record of twelve wins and only three defeats. During the season Kenny Morris pitched a brilliant no-hit shutout over Scotch Plains. Joe Karabinchak led the hurling department with six wins, and Al Bertha followed with three. Johnny Kasharian captured the batting laurels.

GOLF

The Golf team enjoyed a successful season, rating ninth at the State Meet. They won over Rahway, Scotch Plains, Rutgers Prep and Cranford losing only once to North Plainfield. The members were as follows: Captain, Alfred Caravella, Vincent Aurelio, Edgar Dunne, William McLeod, Phil Doran and Richard Schmidt.

TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY

This year the Metuchen High School trackmen had a successful year. Coached by Mr. Wilson, the team placed third at the Seton Hall and Penn one mile relays, fourth in the State Championship and third in the County and Central Jersey Championship Meets.

The group defeated Rahway, Dunellen, Carteret, Woodbridge and St. Peters, but lost to South River, Scotch Plains, and Highland Park in a dual competition.

The Cross Country team defeated Westfield, New Brunswick, Seton Hall, Thomas Edison, Union, Freehold and Rahway.

The team took third place in the Central Jersey Championships and third in the combined Groups I, II and III in the State Championships.

In dual meets the Varsity won 7 and lost 1; the J. V. won 5 and lost 0.

Co-captains of the team were David Cole and Bob Murray.

CHEERLEADERS

This year our athletic teams were cheered on, win or lose, by twelve attractive cheerleaders The members of our very capable varsity squad were Betty Barrett, Ruth Frohm, Jane Larson, Pollyann Melko, Carolee Reynolds, and Dorothy Rule. During the football season, the girls were joined by Charles Canary and Nelson Long, who added variety to the usual squad of girls.

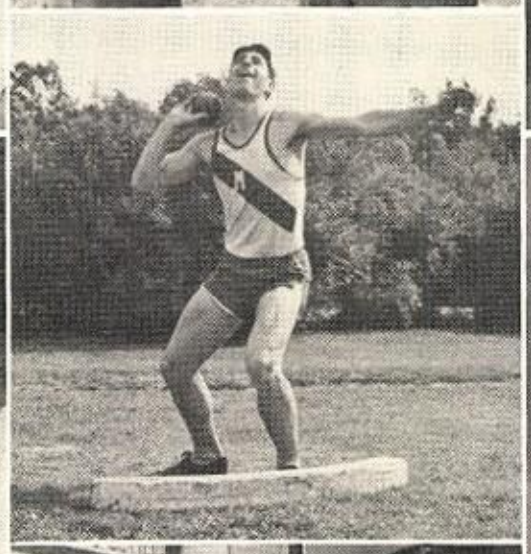
BASKETBALL

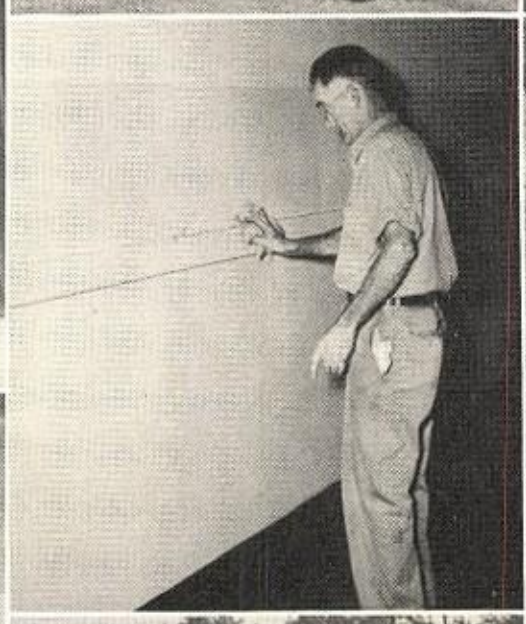
The J. V. cheerleaders helped the varsity squad and also cheered at the J. V. games. The squad consisted of Betty Ellen Brown, Ann Larson, Ruth Melko, Shirley Peterson, Barbara Wallace, and Judy Youngfelt. Much to our regret, Judy had to leave us at the end of the football season. Tryouts were held and Mary Stokes was chosen to fill the vacancy.

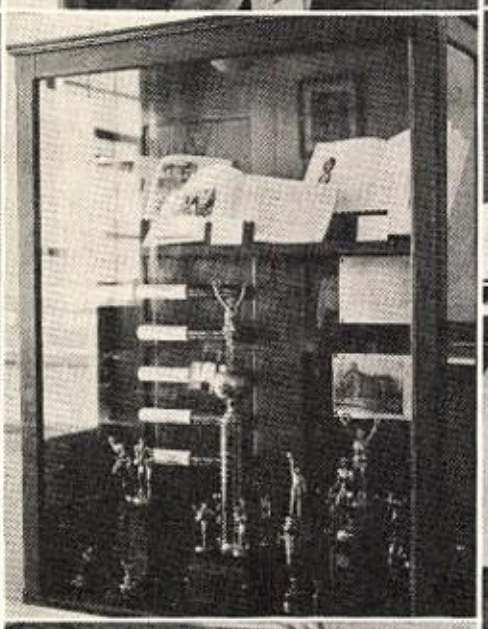
G.A.A.

One of the most popular sports among the girls is basketball, a sport which helps in the promotion of good sportsmanship and the development of sound minds and bodies along with a lot of clean fun.

Coached by Miss Weiler, the teams are made up of seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen; each team is headed by a manager.







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ARMY AIR FORCE and NAVY
Now's the Time.
Put 300 on the
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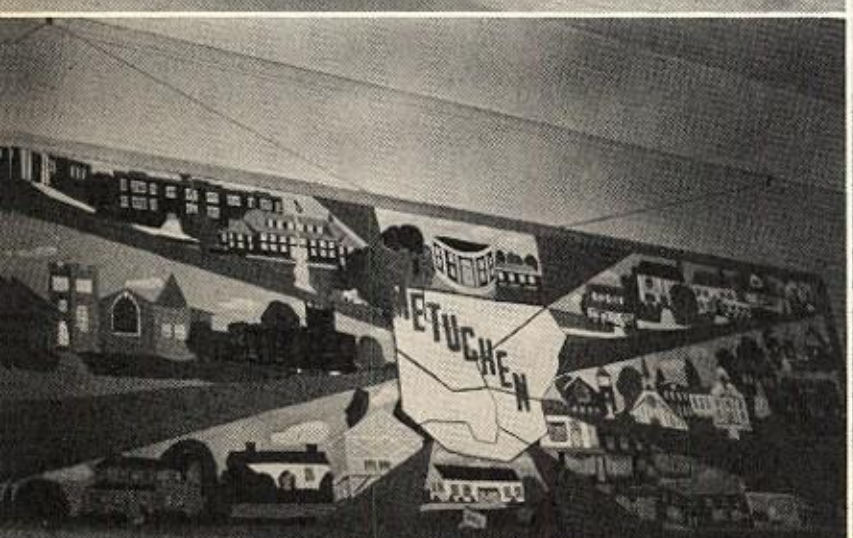
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OUR FEATURES

show personal feelings

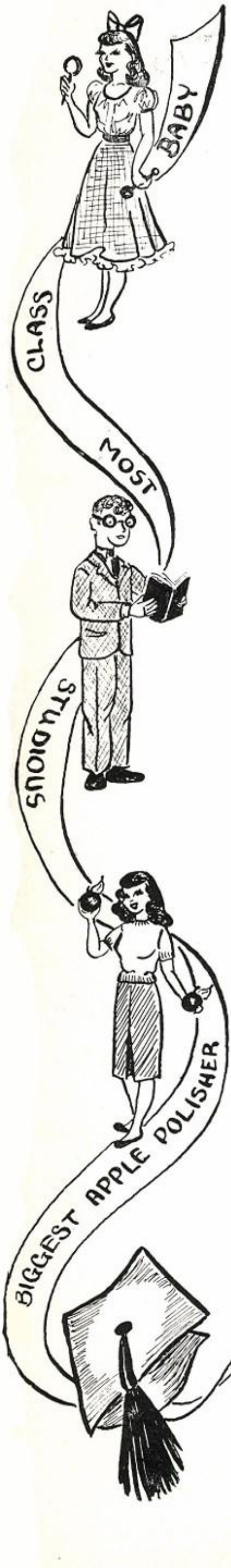
as we all unite as one

SENIOR POLL

	Boy	*Girl*
Most Likely To Succeed	Francis Zunino	Nancy Ayers
Best All-Around	Kenneth Morris	Lillian Brune
Most Popular	Floyd Needham	Ruth Frohm
Most Creative	Howard Limoli	Jane Larson
Most Ambitious	Francis Zunino	Nancy Ayers
Nicest Personality	Kenneth Morris	Sonia Morris
Most Reserved	Alan Anger	Carolee Reynolds
Noisiest	Stanley Miller	Doris Mundy
Most Dramatic	Roger Johnson	Ruth Long
Best Dressed	Charles Canary	Marlene Marsicano
Most Athletic	Floyd Needham	Armella Slisky
Teachers' Torment	Charles Canary	Helen Vereb
Most Studious	Francis Zunino	Nancy Ayers
Best Looking	Walter Wojciechowski	Lillian Brune
Biggest Flirt	Anthony Romeo	Ruth Frohm
Nicest Smile	Steve Negron	Eileen Breen
Nicest Eyes	Robert Orlick	Dorothy Gryniak and Eileen Breen
Wittiest	Joseph Ahearn	Dorothy Gryniak
Best Natured	Floyd Needham	Sonia Morris
Class Baby	Robert Heroy	Elaine Jorgensen
Most Sophisticated	Roy D'Andradé	Ruth Long
Class Couple	Johnny Myers	Helen Vereb
Class Go-Getter	Francis Zunino	Gladys Metzger
Most Talented	Eugene Regitz	Barbara Andrews
Most Bashful	Tom Clark	Betty Sussick
Most Mischievous	Charles Canary	Jane Larson
Did Most for the Class	Kenneth Morris	Gladys Metzger
Best Dancers	Steve Negron	Doris Mundy

FACULTY POLL

	Woman	*Man*
Best Good Sport	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Schmidtchen
Best Dressed	Miss Link	Mr. Wilson
Best Looking	Miss Denny	Mr. Wilson
Best Natured	Miss Farrell	Mr. Schmidtchen
Most Serious	Miss Anker	Mr. Herb
Most Dramatic	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Herb
Most Respected	Miss Farrell	Mr. Schmidtchen
Most Sophisticated	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Hartland
Most Versatile	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Schmidtchen
Wittiest	Miss DeVries	Mr. Schmidtchen
Nicest Smile	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Schmidtchen
Nicest Eyes	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Schmidtchen



SENIOR CLASS HISTORY CHRONOLOGY

A challenging world beckons to us as we prepare to leave behind the life we have loved so well at times and at other times dreaded. Now as the maze of our experiences during the last four years seems to clear, and we see vividly the responsibilities the world of tomorrow holds for us in our communities, our nation and in the world, we pause for a moment, as no doubt we will many times in the future, to lighten our burden. We remember those happy and sad moments which were so much a part of these last four years at M. H. S. and in our community. Let us stop now, amid the turmoil of our young lives, to reflect over those days gone by, never to be lived again, but always to be a living part of us.

Our class entered the Freshman year at Metuchen High School in September 1946. We were the class whose graduation would be at the halfway mark of this dynamic century. As all the world was revolving in an Atomic Age, so our zest and enthusiasm revolved toward making our class a success. We were commencing our days at M. H. S. just a year after the end of war; our community was growing; the world was at peace. On this joyful note, we elected Francis Toner to guide us on down the path of success. Immediately we were deluged with such earth shattering subjects as Latin, J. B. T., and World Geography, all designed to prepare us for good citizenship. It was during this year that our band, organized just the year before by our new and ambitious teacher, Mr. A., began to perform startling feats on the football field. The class of fifty had the added distinction of being the class to initiate our now well known track coach, Mr. Wilson, into his teaching position of world geography. This year also we held our first dance, far from a fiasco, with April Showers as a theme. So with a successful dance, and a carefree year behind us, we advanced into our Sophomore year.

As memories of 1947 rushed to our minds, we saw our community growing beyond recognition. Main Street had taken on the "New Look." New stores were going up and we heard talk of a Chamber of Commerce and new schools. From our booth in the Sweet Shop we realized that Metuchen was no longer the easy-going town we once knew, and this realization served as a spark to ignite our school spirit towards dramatic modern dance programs which had the whole town raving. We now had more cheerleaders and a second music teacher. As the school prospered, so did our class. With the added help of our classmates from Raritan Township, we pressed toward our goal which loomed ever closer. Our red-headed president, Ken Morris, hailing from a neighboring community, New Market, led us through our second dance success, "Spring Fever." Now with Latin, French, and typing behind us, we turned our head toward the presidential election year and our Junior year at our now beloved M. H. S.

We were Juniors and the year was 1948. The year climaxed our community growth. There was Edgar Field with its new bleachers and the bright green gridiron, a place where we were proud to entertain visiting teams or play among our selves. This year we welcomed Mr. Bragner, our fine new principal. We saw our own classmates leading the cheers at our athletic events; we waited for and finally received our class rings, and we suffered under the brunt of chemistry, English, and American history. As Juniors, we again elected our baseball hero, Ken Morris, as our chief and set about the tremendous task of creating two dances. Our first, "Purple Passion," will never be forgotten. But, the big event, our prom, was yet to come. In June we climaxed our year by staging "Some Enchanted Evening," our Jr.-Sr. Prom. That night all thoughts of exams, report cards and summer plans left our minds as we danced, truly enchanted, on this our evening.

September 8, 1949 started our Senior year, a year which we cling to as our last at M. H. S. Again Ken Morris headed our class. With the termination of each month, we play our last football game, go to our last band practice, cheer at our last pep rally, and finally march out of our last assembly. Yes, it is with a feeling of great determination that we face tomorrow and yet with a feeling of sadness and regret that we leave these halls which were our life yesterday. As we dance under the dim lights of our Senior dance, we realize that the "Twilight" has fallen and that we can linger no longer. We know that at times, life will seem dark, but, if we work, if we live as we have learned during these last four years, we will go forward tomorrow with glad memories of the days gone by and hope for a future which beckons brightly to us, a future in which we will be the leaders of our community.

FOREVER GONE

School to me was a happy game,
A game of work and laughter and play
A time of my life I shall never forget,
So much has happened, so much I've learned
So much fun and so much sorrow.
So much homework and so many exams
Many laughs and a few little tears
Waiting for the school bus and sometimes missing it—
The mad dash in the morning to be on time.
Gone are those happy, carefree days,
Gone from my life forever.
When first I came the day was bright; the month was cool September.
The friends were new; the friends were true,
My sophomore year had begun.
We worked; we laughed; we shared our dreams.
We felt so grown up and so wise,
But little did we realize,
That two more years were yet to come before we were adults.
There were football, baseball, and basketball games, plays and dances of our own.
Of course we studied, we had to.
The days came and the days went.
Textbooks, paper, pencils, pens made up our daily routine.
Gone are those happy carefree days
Gone from my life forever.
We were juniors and slightly conceited.
A few new friends a few new teachers,
A new principal to watch and keep us.
We worked and we danced and we joined forces in sports.
We set examples for the underclassmen, and followed those of our predecessors.
We remember how we worried and schemed to give the seniors a dance.
On Friday we'd wait impatiently while our idols marched out before us.
We dreamed of when we'd be in their places and could do the things they did.
And then with the closing of that year, we looked eagerly forward to the honors that would soon be ours.
Gone are those happy carefree days
Gone from my life forever.
Ah, seniors at last, a hard battle but we won,
We've much to do and plan for
Much to remember all through our lives.
Our sports we continue as well as our plays.
Our prom we attend carefree and gay.
We've reached our goal and are rapt in its honour,
We're proud of our station and pledge ourselves to our nation.
Gone are those happy, carefree days
Gone from my life forever.

DORIS HECTOR
English IV

MEMORY LANE

We all wander down memory lane
In pursuit of events from the past,
In hopes of recovering an old refrain,
Reminiscing over memories that last.
While wandering down this notable lane,
The most outstanding memories of all,
Are the ones that will remain
To linger in the corridor hall.
It wasn't just a mere illusion,
Portraying our carefree lives,
It was trouble, despair, and confusion,
Bringing retribution that survives.
Our tableau of recollection
Will always bring moments of pride,
As the essence of our perfection
Was, "Let our conscience be our guide."
Thus, our thoughts will linger on,
To remind us of that reign,
When our minds will dote upon
The memories from memory lane.

BEVERLY STEWART
English IV

TREASURE CHEST

Sometime in the future when we might
Have a quiet, peaceful and lonely night,
We'll take a key and open a treasure chest
In whose bottom portion sweet memories rest
Of the days in Metuchen High we spent.
The nights and days we know we will never repent,
We will sit back and remember the little things,
The time, the fashions and songs to sing.
We will think of friends we made at the start,
Of the lump in our throats when we had to part.
And as we are taking this little peek,
We find a few tears rolling down our cheek.
For although we know these years are past,
Down deep in our hearts they will always last,
And as we start to lock this treasure chest,
Our hearts will tell us these years were the best.

DOROTHY GRYNIAK
English IV

MY FAREWELL TO M. H. S.

As the bell rang, I glanced at the clock and was surprised to see what time it was. I put my books away, closed my desk, and walked out of the building. As I walked away, I glanced back over my shoulder and suddenly I realized that I would never enter Metuchen High School as a student again.

Now all that I have left are memories, but they are such pleasant memories—the football games, basketball games, assemblies, dances, and last but not least, my classes.

I learned much these past four years. The teachers have helped to build my character, opened a wider field of knowledge to me, and have prepared me to meet the outside world.

I wish to thank all my teachers, Mr. Bragner and Mr. Spoerl, for all they have done for me.

I hope that in the future, I may prove worthy of being a Metuchen High School graduate.

JANE DORAN
English IV

MY DEPARTING SPEECH TO METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL—CLASS OF 1950

I, a student at Metuchen High School for almost four years, am now a senior. I am almost out in the world on my own, with no teachers or principals, or classmates to run to with all of my problems.

Yes, it is going to be very different, but I shall have to work hard, even harder than I did in high school, to get everything in life that I strive for.

I wish that I had the chance to go back to my freshman year, and have all the fun that I had all over again.

I think attending high school, especially Metuchen High School, is the most wonderful experience anybody could ever accomplish in his life.

In closing, I should like to wish everybody in the lower classes, all of my teachers, principals and everybody included in the school, all the luck in the world.

RUTH FROHM
English IV

GRADUATION

Graduation, a day of tears for some, and laughs and smiles for others, is for me a ticket to the show of life. Yes, it is a high spot on the road to the future and carries with it a share of happiness and sorrow, but mixed with the emotions is also an air of adventure and challenge. Upon receiving my diploma, I shall pass from the friendly, personal world of high school into the sterner and more impersonal role of the graduate. No longer will my life be planned for me by teachers and educators interested in helping me work toward a brighter future. Decisions and plans must be my own and I must accept responsibility for them. Yes, I fear this colder world. Yet, I like to think that I can make it an adventure even more worthwhile and gratifying than that through which I am now passing.

GLADYS METZGER
English IV

TO METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

My three years at Metuchen High School have been the best years I ever hope to spend anywhere. Here I have learned to appreciate good friends and companionship, and have made cherished friendships I never hope to lose. To my teachers, to Mr. Bragner, and to Mr. Spoerl, I wish to give my warmest and heartfelt thanks. Only through their patience and guidance has my schooling been made enjoyable. To my classmates, the finest group of fellows and girls it has been my pleasure to know, I give thanks for their warm friendships, their understanding and their comradeship. My final words are that I am sorry to leave the school in which I have spent some of the best years of my life. The only regret I have is that I could not have done more for my classmates and teachers in the finest high school here or anywhere, Metuchen High School.

STEPHEN NEGRON, JR.
English IV

ELECTRICITY

Powering the nation's cities,
Driving sleek trains over open prairies.
Grand Coolee, Boulder Dam,
Harnessing the wild rivers of America,
All for electricity,
Proud electricity, cowardly electricity,
Hit and run electricity, stay and kill electricity.
Sing Sing, Joliet,
Storing electricity to kill,
Tennessee Valley Authority,
Storing electricity to live.
Proud, haughty, cowardly, weak.
Electricity

JOHN VON HARTZ
English III

THE SCIENTIST

A mixture here, a mixture there;
Sometimes success, sometimes despair.
The test tubes rattle endlessly—
Mixing, toiling,
Stirring, boiling—
Never showing, always hoping
Some worth-while discovery to make.
An atom bomb, some brand new fission;
Faithful hopes, mild derision.
The cheerers weak; the critics loud—
Moving, driving,
Proving, striving—
Never shirking, always working
For humanity's sake.

CAROL MURPHY
English IV

THE CENTER

A gridman there was, now a specialist's game.
As an offensive center, he must try to win fame.
He bullets the ball back, then throws his block.
An art in itself, for his guard's like a rock.
On a punt, his spirits often are high.
For now a tackle to get he is able to try.
The box is his downfall for the guard he can't see.
For this perfect pass, he gets only a knee.
Through his hole they are coming and in a short while,
He is trapped most horribly, under a pile.
A hand's in his face, so he gives it a bite.
"Goodness, it's my own," he screams with great fright.
Actually he's as happy as a person can be.
For he knows that part of a great team is he.

JACK HILL
English IV

FRIENDS OF OUR CLASS
BLUE LETTER 1950

Basile's Quality Market
Bohlen-Synden Real Estate and Insurance
California Market
Carl's Service Center
Chocolate Shoppe
Culver's Market
Danford's Corner
Dee Dee Shoppe
Dickson's Men's Shop
Drake's Middlesex Hardware
Garden State Food Market
Eric H. Gort, Inc.
Helen Lowe Gift Shop
Hubble's
Jewel Shop
Kaiser's Flowers
Kramer's Department Store
Marge Amick Dresses
Metuchen Center, Inc.
Metuchen Delicatessen
Metuchen Hardware
Metuchen Model Bakery
Metuchen Motors, Inc.
Metuchen Pharmacy, Inc.
Metuchen Sea Food
Metuchen Superette Food Market
Metuchen Sweet Shop
Metuchen Y. M. C. A.
Morris Stores
Schneider Cleaning and Tailoring
N. Schwalje, Plumbing and Heating
H. Seldow, Proprietor
Sheehy's
Stanley A. Trynoski Meat and Groceries
Taffi Tucker Shop
The Hitching Post
Wernik's Pharmacy

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Bill and Shirley
Bill, Dave, and Roger
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